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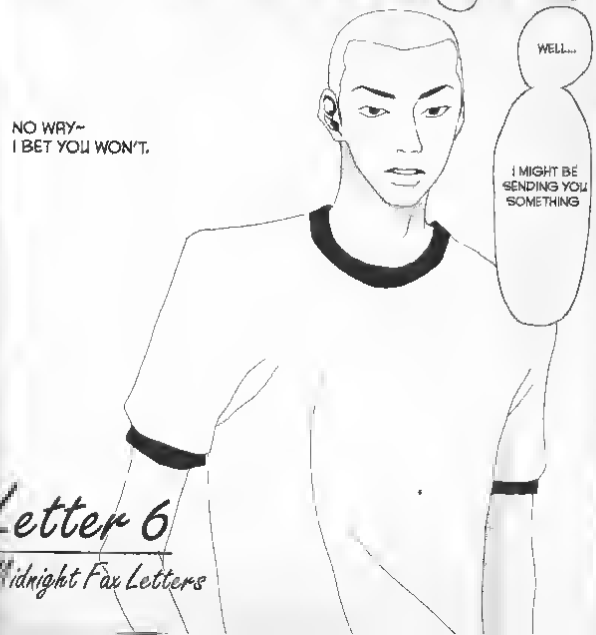
A PERFECT DAY FOR
LOVE LETTERS
George Asakura

THERE ARE SOME PEOPLE WHO NEVER FEEL LIKE THEY ARE PART OF THE CROWD.
THERE'S ARAKI.
AH.
HE WAS COMPLAINING THAT HE WAS BORED WITH ALL THE TRAINING HE HAD TO DO FOR THE SWIMMING CLUB
HE'S TRYING TO PRO WRESTLE WITH THE JUDO CLUB AGAIN
HEY,
HE'S COMING! HE'S COMING!
BUZZ CUT BOY
DO ANY OF YOU HAVE A FAX MACHINE?
WHAT?
BALD BOY
HEY...

Recently, I have been taking vitamin supplements because I always catch a bad cold, maybe four times a year. I always get a fever and end up having to stay in bed. But this year when I had a cold, I didn't have to stay in bed. Instead, now I have a lower-back ache and water in my right wrist. Ah, I hope I get well soon...

—George Asakura

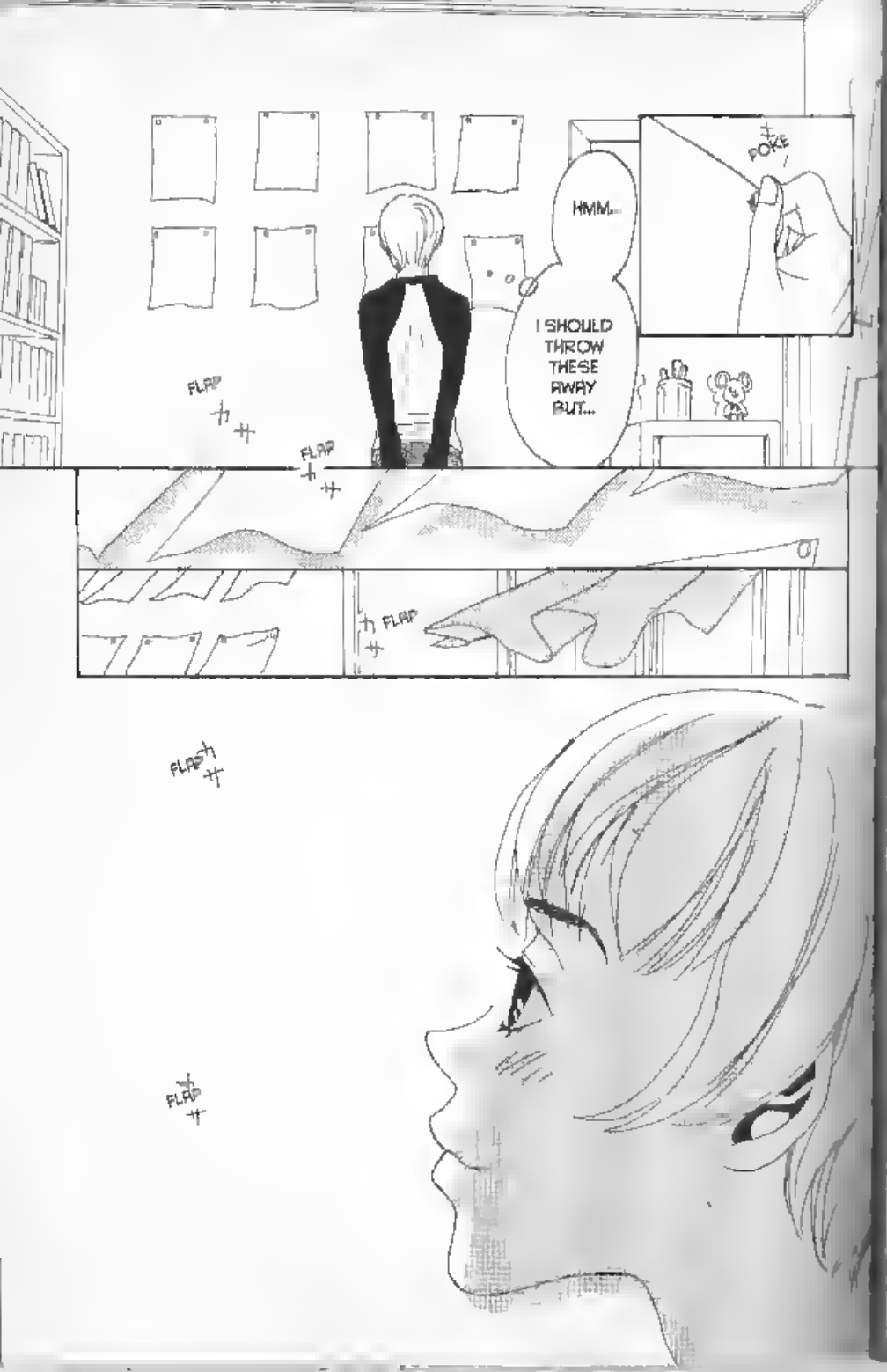


Letter 6

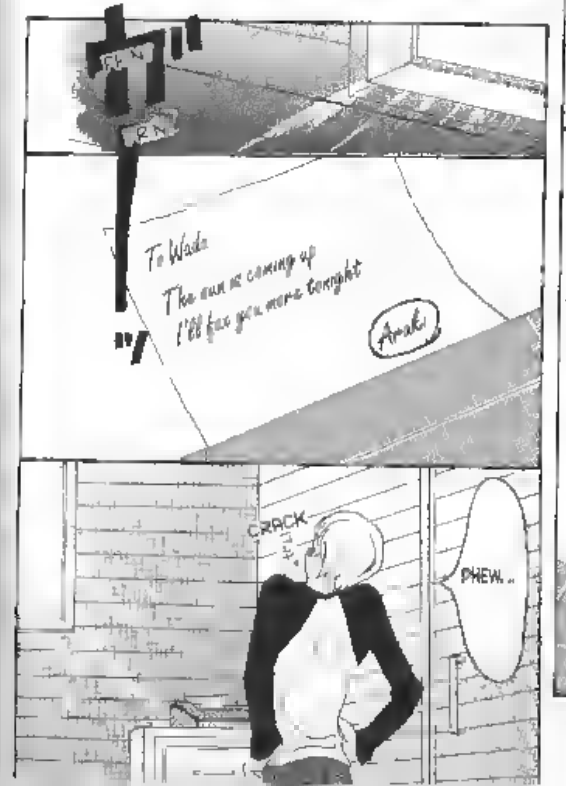
Midnight Fax Letters

The way you look
IS THIS..
REALLY?
MEPP
PHU
HM
I'LL FIX HIM BACK
MAYBE HE DOESN'T HATE ME
HMM.. IT DOESN'T EVEN LOOK LIKE HIM..
WHATEVER
To Araki
Your drawing is really bad!
You never smile with your eyes
Your eyes are scary Tsuruka-kei
To Wada
What is Tsuruka-kei?
His mouth looks like Fujiko Fujio
Nagai's face
Araki
PRINT
PRINT
RING RING
RING!
I WONDER IF HE'S GONNA FAX ME RIGHT BACK

I'M GONNA WRITE BACK!
.....
To Araki-kun
You're the one who hates me!
I'm the only one in the group you call with "san"
And you never try to talk to me!
From Wada
BUT I ALSO CALL HIM WITH "KUN" AND I DON'T TALK TO HIM EITHER..
I WONDER IF HE'S READING THIS RIGHT NOW
RING RING
SURPRISE
RING RING
WHAT IS THIS!?
WHA..P
HE REALLY FAXED ME.
I THOUGHT HE HATED ME
To Wada
You're the one who always looks like you don't want to talk!
If I hated you, I wouldn't fax you!!
Araki
The way you look
Wada
ガー
GRRR

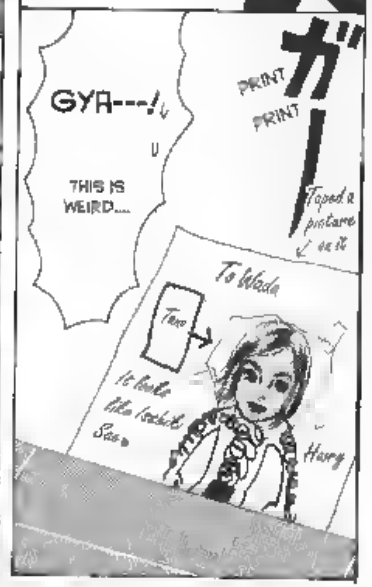

HMM...
I SHOULD THROW THESE AWAY BUT...
POKE
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP

WHAT ARE YOU DOING, SIS?
LEAVE ME ALONE! GO TO BED!


To Wada
The sun is coming up I'll face you more tonight
Araki
CRACK
PHEW..

Nami

13 00
IT DOES!


GYA---!
THIS IS WEIRD....
PRINT
PRINT
Taped a picture on it
To Wada
Tee
It looks like rocket Sea
Hurry

HMM..
I COULDN'T FIGURE IT OUT AND ENDED UP DOING IT UNTIL THE MORNING
HE LIED TO THEM
I SHOULDN'T THINK ABOUT IT.
I MIGHT BE DISAPPOINTED
RING RING
ガッ
SLIDE
WHY DID HE DO THAT?

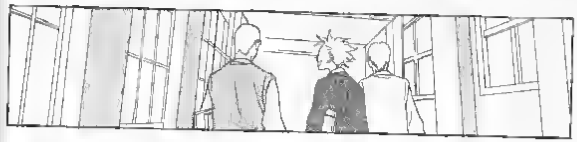
EH?
WHAT?
OH!
THEY DO!?
YOUR EYES LOOK SCARY.
MORE AND MORE
YOU DIDN'T GET ANY SLEEP, DID YOU.
HUH? WERE YOU? IS THAT WHAT YOU WERE DOING LAST NIGHT?
WHA..?
AHAHA
YOU WERE TRYING TO DO A MAGIC SQUARE LAST NIGHT, RIGHT?
KUH..
HE CARES THAT I SAID THAT?
THUNK-KEP
!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
A MAGIC SQUARE
THAT'S RIGHT..
YEAH,

EXCHANGING FAX LETTERS.
ガガガガガ
PRINT
PRINT
PRINT
To Wada
Who will be the winner in the battle of the magic squares?
Rules
Fill in the numbers 1 through 9 in each box to have each row equal 15
HEY SIS? ARE YOU FAXING SOMEONE AGAIN?
SHUT UP! GO AWAY!
ガガガガ
To Wada
"Ode to Kirihito" is by Osamu Tezuka, right? I'll try to read it. My recommendation is "Otoko Juku (Men's School)"
A young
HUH! AN EROTIC COMIC!? LET ME SEE!
THEY SHOW BOOKS IN HERE!
DON'T LOOK AT THAT WITHOUT ASKING ME.
...IDIOTS
...IS BECOMING A HABIT
THERE!

トゥルルルル
RING
RING
OKAY
OKAY
I WONDER WHAT HE'LL FAX ME TODAY?
ガガガガガ
PRINT
PRINT
HN?
ピー
PI—
ガー
GRRRRRR..
To Wada
The view of Wada Kyoko from my seat (14 years old)
You rubbed yourself 5 times in one class today!
What is that habit you have of rubbing your face!?
Rub
HUH!?
...
I DON'T HAVE THAT HABIT!

EHP
HE'S FAMOUS FOR THAT.
IT'S A RUG.
KAYAMA, THE PHYSICS TEACHER, LOOKS LIKE HE WEARS A RUG
OH,
IS THAT A FACT?
AH
YEAH
IS THAT ONE OF HIS HABITS?
HE SAYS THAT A LOT
"IS THAT A FACT?"
HMM
HMM..
YEAH, YEAH

I was drawing this instead of taking notes in English 2. Send me yours.
Araki
YOU WANT ME TO SHARE MY NOTES WITH YOU!?
WHAT !?
HE'S WATCHING ME CLOSELY!
WHAT DID I... JUST DO..?
To Wide
A HA HA HA!
I WONDER IF I SHOULD DRAW HIS FACE AND FAX IT TO HIM...
I SHOULD TRY WATCHING HIM TO SEE IF HE HAS ANY WEIRD HABITS



ANYWAY, ARAKI..

STANDS OUT.

AH..

HIS SHOULDERS

HIS SHOULDERS LOOK FIRM

EVEN THOUGH HE'S SKINNY

EH....
DO YOU WANT TO GO SOMEWHERE?
IT'S A NICE DAY

OH NO! MAYBE HE WAS WONDERING...
NAHH...
I wanted to go somewhere, just the two of us.
I CAN'T SEND HIM THIS!
KRUMPLE
I'M AN IDIOT.
WHAT AM I DOING!?

WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY!?
LIKE WHERE...?
LET'S GO!
I BET HE'S GONNA GO TELL ALL HIS FRIENDS
I THINK ARAKI WAS SURPRISED TOO.
SHOOT!

RUSTLE
バサ
Wada
AHH!
RUSTLE
バサッ
WHAT DO YOU -
To Wada
To Wada
To Wada
To Wada
RING
トゥルルルル
RING
ドゥルルル
To Wada
PRINT
ガ
HUHP
PRINT
PRINT
ガガガガガ
...DRAWING OF ME?
ANOTHER...
TWO?
To Wada
ONE MORE...?
FOUR..
SIX/??
PRINT
PRINT
ガガガ
HNP
WHAT!?
Wada

KLANG
KLANG
F...
AH
AHAK!
HUH ..?
NOTHING
KLANK
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
I JUST WALKED THROUGH HERE..
BY CHANCE.
N..
NO ..
WADA DO YOU RIDE A BIKE TO SCHOOL?
UH ..
NO
THEN, ARE YOU WAITING FOR SOMEONE?
HUH ..
IS THAT A FACT?
WELL
CAN I GIVE YOU A RIDE?
I THINK I'M JUST GONNA GO HOME
AH..
I'M NOT VERY HUNGRY
SOUNDS GOOD!
I'M HUNGRY LET'S GO TO IIDA
ON THE WAY HOME.
...EXPECT..
...ME TO THINK...
WADA?
HEY!

WADAP
SHOOT
WHY ARE YOU WITH ARAKI?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
WELL...
I WONDERED WHY YOU SAID YOU WEREN'T HUNGRY
OH MY GOSH..
..."YOU TWO"?
AH..
WHAT DO YOU MEAN..
HEY, WAIT!
I THOUGHT THAT WAS A LITTLE STRANGE
STOP IT!
HUH?
WHAT'S GOING ON BETWEEN YOU TWO?
STOP IT!
ALL RIGHT!
YOU WANTED TO GO HOME WITH ARAKI!

WE'D BETTER STAND ALL THESE BIKES UP FIRST
SURE...
AH...
KAGLANG
YEAH.
HUH?
YIPPEE.

I'M NOT THE KIND OF GUY SHE'D LIKE.
WADA AND I DON'T EVEN TALK TO EACH OTHER THAT MUCH.
REALLY
WE JUST SAW EACH OTHER HERE BY CHANCE
AH
IT'S GONNA BE OK..
I FEEL SO BAD...
WHY
I WONDER

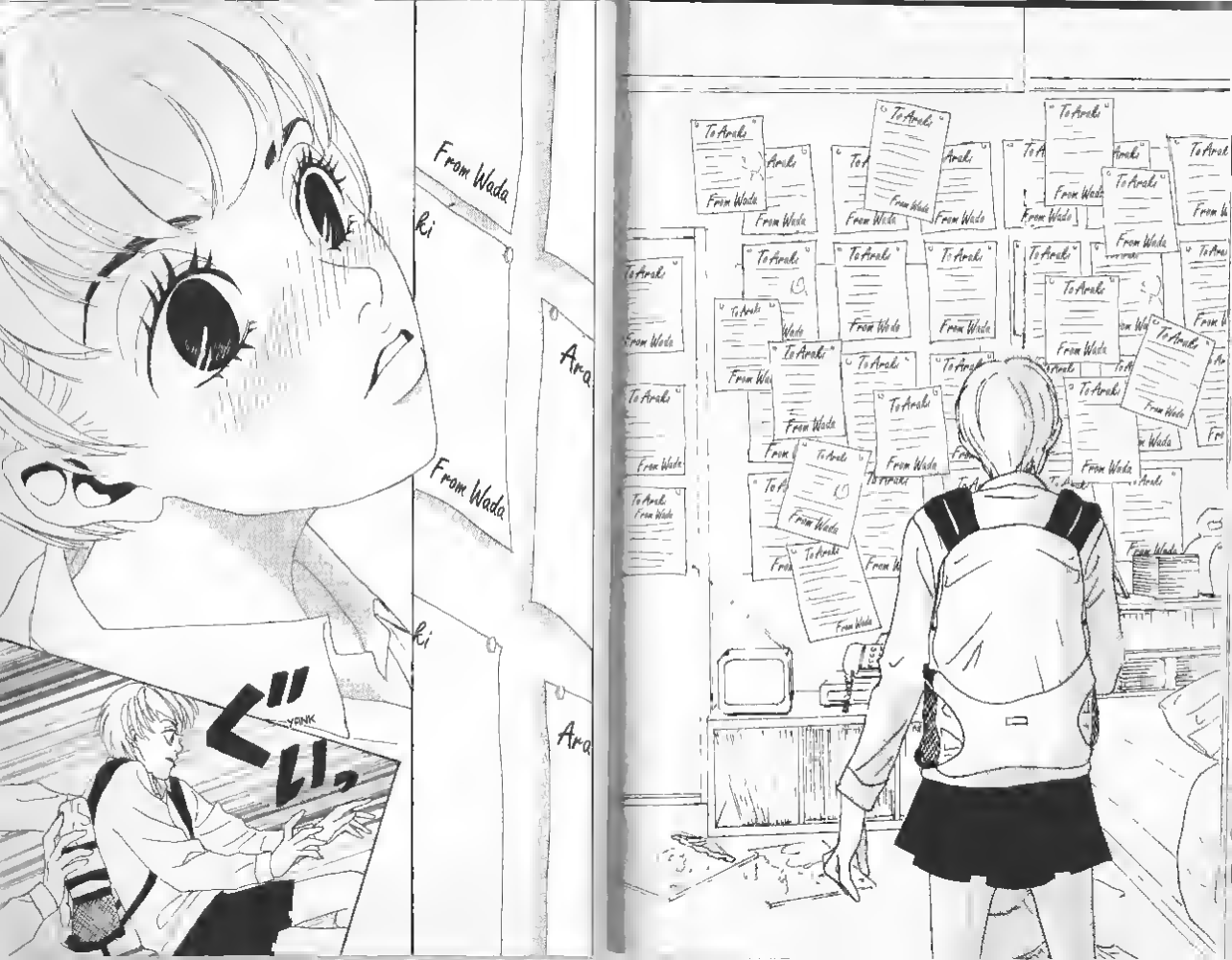
NO WAY! I DON'T EVEN LIKE HIM!
IS THAT WHAT YOU WANT TO HEAR!?
AH
SEE YOU LATER..
EH
EH
IT'S TRUE
YEAH

PRINT
ガガー
To Wada
I'm sorry I bothered you with so many faxes before, but I just got it and I wanted to try it out. I'm sick of sending them, I'll stop.
Ariki
FAX
WRITE HIM A LETTER OF APOLOGY...
IF I...
To Ariki
The reason I said I don't like you is because my friends were there so I was embarrassed, and didn't know what else to say.
"I'M NOT THE KIND OF GUY SHE'D LIKE."
IF THAT'S WHAT HE THINKS...
WOULDN'T MATTER TO HIM.
MEANT
TO ARIKI.
REALLY
THIS
NEVER

I'M EXPECTING SOMETHING.
I'M THE ONLY ONE
I'M SUCH AN IDIOT!
FAX...
TOO.
WADA!
NAGAI.
HM.
WOW! YOUR FACE! IT'S ALL PUFFY!
YOU'RE UGLY TODAY!

YEAH...
I, UHH...
EH? WRONG
AH!
I'M COMING IN!
DASH だっ
STAY OUT OF MY ROOM!
NO!
EH!?
HEY!
DON'T OPEN THAT DOOR!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?
KACHAN ガチャ

I STOPPED BY HIS HOUSE THIS MORNING, AND WENT INTO HIS ROOM WITHOUT KNOCKING..
ARAKI'S FLIPPED!
EH?
HEY, LISTEN
SHUT UP!
HN!
AND RIGHT AWAY HE KICKED ME OUT, SO I ONLY SAW A LITTLE BIT...
BUT HIS ROOM...
IT'S LIKE A SHRINE!
だっ DASH
KACHAN ガチャ
AH..


From Wada
ki
Ara
From Wada
ki
Ara
ぐい、
PINK
To Araki
From Wada

I...
I FEEL THE SAME WAY...
I FEEL THE SAME..

LOOK,
IT'S KIND OF A WASTE TO JUST THROW THEM AWAY
I MEAN... THIS IS..
I CAN EXPLAIN...
バタン
CLOSE
WASTE...
AH...
OH... I MEAN...
SLIDE

HUH?
FLOP

Letter 6 MIDNIGHT FAX LETTERS
Letter 7 KO CHAN'S E-MAIL
Letter 8 "LOVERS ON PLANET ICARUS"
Bonus Story SUMMER'S FOAM
Letter 9 SECRET EXCHANGE NOTEBOOK
Letter 10 METAL MOON

ONE DAY, KO-CHAN, WHO IS 2 YEARS OLDER AND A FRIEND FROM MY EARLY CHILDHOOD, AND ALSO MY BOYFRIEND FOR A YEAR, SAID...

EVERYONE WAS SO SURPRISED, THEY COULDN'T CLOSE THEIR MOUTHS.
THAT'S RIGHT, KO-CHAN! WHY ARE YOU GOING TO AMERICA!?
THEY WERE FROM GERMANY.
WHACK
AS YOU CAN SEE,
BLOOD-SHED
YOU'RE AN IDIOT / THOSE FOREIGNERS WERE COMPLIMENTING YOU ON YOUR FIGHTING, NOT ON YOUR MUSIC. YOU MISUNDERSTOOD
YOU DIDN'T EVEN PLAY!
PERSON FROM ANGLO CHRISTIAN BAND

BUT EVEN SO, HE WENT WITH HIS GUITAR, WHICH HE CAN'T EVEN PLAY

IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE WE'VE CONTACTED EACH OTHER.
I FEEL LIKE HIS EXISTENCE WAS JUST A DREAM
EFFECTIVE
POWERFUL
PEPPER SPRAY
EH?
WHAT'S THIS FOR?
YOU ALWAYS COME AND GO SO LATE AT NIGHT, SO YOU SHOULD CARRY THESE WITH YOU JUST IN CASE.
IT'S PEPPER SPRAY AND A CELL PHONE
I HEARD LATELY THERE'S BEEN A MOLESTER AROUND HERE
YEAH...
NATSUME...
"YES/"
SAY "YES/"
YOU SHOULD DO OK THIS TIME. GOOD LUCK/

ROAR
THAT WAS OVER ONE YEAR AGO.
Letter 7
Ko-Chan's E-mail
GEEZ...
I'M AN IDIOT

YOU WERE NEVER IN ANY MUSIC MAGAZINES AND YOUR PARENTS HADN'T HEARD FROM YOU.
THE RUMOR WAS [illegible] YOU MAY [illegible] DIED.
BZZZZZZ
SIGNAL
WRITE MESSAGE
KO-CHAN ARE YOU STILL ALIVE?
SEND
MAIL
PEEP
WELL...
KOICHI-RO@.....
KO-CHAN..
THAT'S WHAT YOU TOLD ME SO I HAD SENT YOU A LOT OF EMAILS FROM MY FRIEND'S COMPUTER, BUT THEY ALL CAME BACK UNDELIVERED
HERE'S MY EMAIL ADDRESS
MY PARENTS ARE GOING TO SEND ME MY OWN COMPUTER SOON.
BLUE EXPLOSION!!

MY FATHER IS THE MAYOR.
AND MY BROTHER AND SISTER GO TO PRIVATE SCHOOLS
BZZZZZZ
I WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO FAILED THE ENTRANCE EXAMS FOR ELEMENTARY AND JUNIOR HIGH PRIVATE SCHOOLS.
NOW I AM PREPARING FOR MY HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAM
SELECT ADDRESS
1 CELLULAR
2 E-MAIL
3 SERVER
SELECT
OH..
I CAN SEND EMAILS WITH THIS CELL PHONE.
PEEP
I FEEL I'M TRYING HARD ENOUGH.

EH?
YOU'VE GOT MAIL
YOU IDIOT! SHUT YOUR PHONE OFF DURING CLASS!!
I'M SORRY
PEEP
1 NEW MESSAGE
AUG 20, 12:05 UNREAD
LONG MAIL
MINAMIDA KOHSUKE
KOUSHIRO@XXXX
[SUBJECT] RE: NATSUME
"NATSUME, IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE I'VE SEEN YOU."
CONCENTRATE
IF THE HEPTAGON IS DRAWN AROUND THE Y, THE POINTS ODEABFC FORM THE BODY, AS SHOWN/ THE CONES FORMED BY THE LINES OA, OD AND OE...
..SERVE AS THE BASELINE OF CONE XYZ. THEN IF WE DEFINE THE VOLUME V AS V=(CONE X) CONE Y) (CONE Z)/
RING
PHEW
THAT'S CORRECT/
YES/
SLIDE
SHINOHARA NATSUME/
WHAT IS THE VOLUME OF V/?
RUSTLE
WOOOH..
WHAT'S THAT/?
PLOP
CAN'T HEAR IT/ I CAN'T HEAR YOU/
SQUEE~

"KO-CHAN! IT'S GOOD TO HEAR YOU'RE STILL ALIVE!"
PEEP
PEEP
"RIGHT NOW I'M
"YOU SAID 'TARANTINO'? YOU'RE STILL CRAZY!"
HE HE HE
"STUDYING FOR MY ENTRANCE EXAM FOR HIGH SCHOOL. IT'S SO BORING!!"
ふらり
SWAY
...EXAMI-NATION...
IT'S FROM KO-CHAN...!
PANT はぁ
はぁ PANT
"THESE DAYS I'M MORE INTERESTED IN MOVIES THAN MUSIC."
"I'VE BEEN WRITING A SCRIPT. TARANTINO KEEPS BUGGING ME TO SHOW IT TO HIM."
THUMP
ドサッ
PHEW
HA HA HA HA HA HA!
FLOP
A HA HA HA !!!

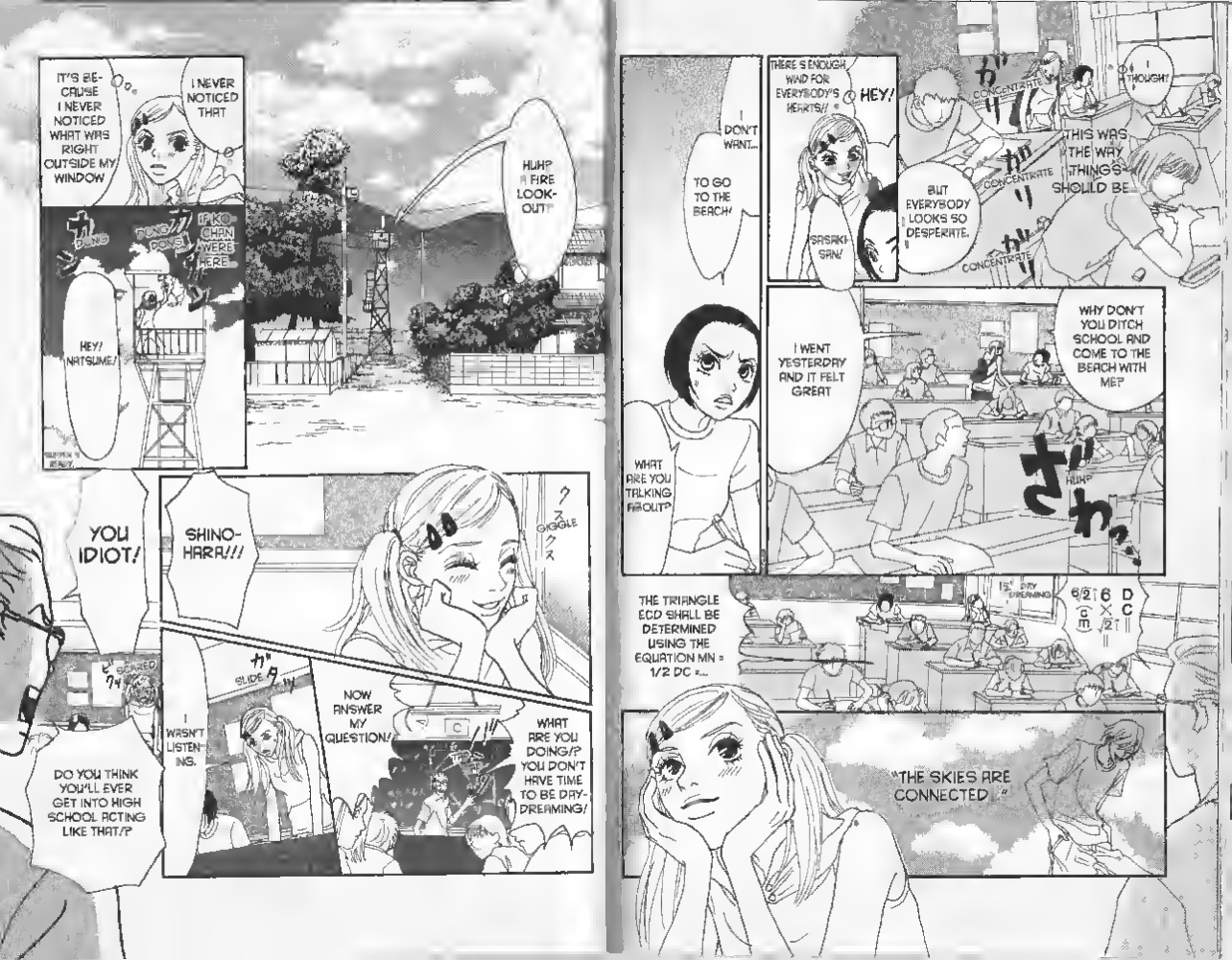
AH!!
RING
PEEP
"NATSUME, YOU DON'T BELIEVE WHAT I TOLD YOU ABOUT TARANTINO/? I'M SERIOUS/ I KNOW TARANTINO/"
"I MET HIM IN A B-GRADE MOVIE THEATER SO I SHOWED HIM A COPY OF CHIBA SHINICHI/"
KIYAA
"AND I HAD A LONG TALK WITH HIM/"
HA HA HA/
SOME DAY I'LL SELL IT
OH/ CHIBA/
HE'S SO FULL OF IT!
TAP TAP
"ANYWAY, YOU'RE STILL TRAPPED IN YOUR ROUTINE/"
NO ONE EVER TAKES ME OUT ANY MORE
NO ONE

AT A PUBLIC SCHOOL
BUT BECAUSE OF THAT, I ENDED UP MEETING KO-CHAN.
IF IT LIKE I WANTED TO DO WHEN I FAILED THE ENTRANCE EXAM FOR THE PRIVATE SCHOOL
82
YOU DON'T PAY ATTENTION/ THAT'S WHY YOU ALWAYS MAKE STUPID MISTAKES/
EVEN IF I PASS THIS EXAM SO WHAT?
SNICKER
KO-CHAN LOVED TO GO TO THE MOVIES...
GYO HA HA HA HA HA
WE USED TO SNEAK OUT OF THE HOUSE AND GO TO ALL-NIGHTER'S IN B-GRADE THEATERS.
SLIDE
I'D OPEN IT FOR HIM...
HE ALWAYS THREW A LITTLE ROCK AGAINST MY WINDOW.

"THAT'S NOT GOOD/ HEY LET THE WIND BLOW THROUGH YOU!"
YES, I AM..
YEAH..
"SUMMER SCHOOL? THAT'S FOR DITCHING
YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE FREE DURING SUMMER VACATION, AND DO ALL THE THRILLING THINGS YOU WANT THOSE ARE THE RULES MADE A LONG TIME AGO!"
HE ALWAYS SAID, "WIND FOR YOUR HEART!"
AH, THAT'S WHAT KO-CHAN ALWAYS SAYS... FH/
"OPEN THE WINDOW!"
"GET OUT OF THE HOUSE NOW! AND GO HAVE FUN!"
YOU'RE RIGHT!
WOO-HOO
I SHOULD HAVE FUN DURING SUMMER VACATION!!
あはは HA HA HA HA
SPLASH

"KO-CHAN, THANK YOU! I DITCHED SUMMER SCHOOL AND WENT TO A MOVIE, AND NOW I'M AT THE BEACH!"
"THE SUN IS GLARING AND THE WATER IS GLIMMERING!"
"IT FEEL'S GREAT!"
"RIGHT NOW..
THE WIND IS BLOWING THROUGH ME..."
HEY, DO YOU LIVE AROUND HERE?
ARE YOU IN HIGH SCHOOL?
ARE YOU HERE ALONE?
RING RING
AHAHAHAHAHA
NATSUME
NA.
SLAP
OWW!
SPRAY
PEPPER SPRAY
THAT HURTS
AHAHAHAHA!
NERVOUS
DO YOU WANT TO FAIL AGAIN AND BE MISERABLE ALL YOUR LIFE!?

!!
LIKE OHNITA
LISTEN.
IF YOU DON'T WANT TO GO TO HIGH SCHOOL YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO
SO YOU REALLY WENT TO AMERICA?
HAHAHA
PUFF PUFF
YOU HAVE THE POWER TO MAKE A LIE SEEM LIKE THE REAL THING
HE'D SAY THAT!!! HE'D SAY EXACTLY THAT!!!!
I'LL COME EARLIER TOMORROW!
EVERYBODY CAME EARLY TO PREPARE FOR CLASS!
CONCENTRATE
YOU SHOULD DO EXACTLY WHAT YOU WANT TO DO...
OH...
"WHAT A COINCIDENCE! I'M ON THE BEACH, TOO!"
"I'M SHARK FISHING WITH TARANTINO."
AGAIN...
SNICK
SHARK
TARANTINO
KO-CHAN...
KO-CHAN!!
PEEP
PEEP
THE OCEAN AND SKY HERE ARE CONNECTED TO OVER THERE.. THAT'S STRANGE, ISN'T IT?
BEGINNING TOMORROW, START GOING WITH HER TO HER CLASSES!
YES
YE..
KO-CHAN'S LIE IS HIS "DREAM" AND "FREEDOM."
KO-CHAN...
SLIDE


IT'S BECAUSE I NEVER NOTICED WHAT WAS RIGHT OUTSIDE MY WINDOW
I NEVER NOTICED THAT
DOKI DOKI
IPKO-CHAN WERE HERE
HEY! NATSUME!
HUH? FIRE LOOK-OUT!
YOU IDIOT!
SHINO-HARA!!!
GIGGLE
I WASN'T LISTENING.
SLIDE
NOW ANSWER MY QUESTION!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING!? YOU DON'T HAVE TIME TO BE DAY-DREAMING!
DO YOU THINK YOU'LL EVER GET INTO HIGH SCHOOL ACTING LIKE THAT!?
I DON'T WANT... TO GO TO THE BEACH!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
THERE'S ENOUGH WIND FOR EVERYBODY'S HEARTS!
HEY!
SASAKI SAN!
BUT EVERYBODY LOOKS SO DESPERATE.
CONCENTRATE
I THOUGHT
THIS WAS THE WAY THINGS SHOULD BE
I WENT YESTERDAY AND IT FELT GREAT
WHY DON'T YOU DITCH SCHOOL AND COME TO THE BEACH WITH ME?
HUH?
THE TRIANGLE ECD SHALL BE DETERMINED USING THE EQUATION MN = 1/2 DC ×...
DAY DREAMING
"THE SKIES ARE CONNECTED..."

THAT IS THE WAY YOU THINK THAT S WHY YOU FAILED YOUR JUNIOR HIGH ENTRANCE EXAM
AH!
SHINOHARA!
DON'T SAY THAT...
THIS IS OUR SUMMER VACATION!!!
DO YOU REALLY WANT TO STUDY THAT BADLY!?
MAYBE YOU'RE TIRED
AND IT'S HOT
YOU SHOULD GO HOME TODAY
KO-CHAN
KO-CHAN
KO-CHAN
OH MAN...
YEAH!
I'LL GO WHEN I'M READY TO GO!!
LIKE OHNITA! FIRE!!!
WELL WHAT-EVER!
SO MAYBE I DO GO TO THE HIGH SCHOOL MY PARENTS WANT ME TO GO TO, SO WHAT!?
HUH?
SENSEI! CAN WE PLEASE CONTINUE WITH OUR LESSON?
WAIT!
OHNITA IS A PROFESSIONAL WRESTLER!
BUT WHAT ABOUT YOU?
BESIDES *PRRR* IS WHAT A WRESTLER SAYS

I SAID I WANT TO SEE YOU...
WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?
SPRINKLES
DON'T COME IF YOU DON'T HAVE A GOOD REASON.
I HAVE AN IDEA!!
OH!
I WANT MY LIFE TO BE MORE EXCITING LIKE WHEN KO-CHAN WAS HERE.
SCURT
SCURT
I JUST WANT TO SPEND TIME...
I SHOULD BE WITH KO-CHAN!!!
PEEP
PEEP
HE EMAILED BACK...
OH!
PEEP
RING
RING
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? DON'T COME IF YOU DON'T HAVE A GOOD REASON. DON'T DO IT.
EH...?

MAYBE...
HMM.
I'M....
That speech you gave in class the other day was interesting. I don't know why. But I felt relieved!
SLIDE
EH?
I...
SHINO-HARA!
WHO
CONCENTRATE
WHO
GAVE ME THIS!?
SHINO-HARA!
PHEW
CORRECT!
PHT
KRINKLE
KO-CHAN DOESN'T WANT TO SEE ME.
MAYBE I WAS WRONG
...HEVE NOTHING I WANT TO DO

THIS IS WHAT I WANT TO DO!
HAVE EXCITING DAYS!
THRILLING AND FREE!
I WANT TO ENJOY IT!
DURING SUMMER VACATION UNDER THE SUN!
I WONDER IF I COULD BE SOMEONE'S KO-CHAN!!!?
DONG
HEY! SHINO-HARA!!
THAT'S RIGHT!
I HAVE NOTHING!!!

ZSHHH
YEAH!
YEAH!
OH..
WOW
わぁ!
BOOM
ドン
NOW THIS IS A SUMMER VACATION!!!
NATSUME!!!
COME ON EVERY BODY
CHITTER CHITTER
SENSEI WILL PRAY FOR THEM!
WHA...!?
MINI MART
HUH?
ANYWAY!!!
OK!
GIVE EVERYONE SOME FIRE-WORKS!
HEY, SHOPKEEPER LADY!!
A FIRE-WORKS SHOW WILL MAKE IT SEEM MORE LIKE SUMMER VACATION!
LET'S DO IT!
LIGHT THEM ALL!
FSHHH
ZSHHHH
ZSHHHH

I WANT TO BE...
LIKE
KO-CHAN!
I WANT TO BE
I WANT TO BE
NATSUME!

IT'S ALL FOR YOU, DAD!
YOU IDIOT!
DON'T YOU THINK I REALIZE THAT!?
IDIOT!?
BUT, I...!
I...
I WANT TO...
SHUT UP!
IF YOU COME UP HERE, I'LL JUMP OFF!
YOU'RE EMBARRASSING US! GET DOWN!!!
IT'S DANGEROUS! THE BASE OF THE FIRE LOOKOUT IS CORRODED!
NATSUME...
DON'T BE A DREAMER!
DON'T YOU WANT TO STUDY SO YOU CAN GET INTO HIGH SCHOOL!?
I WANT TO BE...
JUST LIKE THAT.
HIS HEART ALWAYS HAS THE WIND BLOWING THROUGH IT!
LIKE THE PERSON I KNOW THAT ONLY GRADUATED FROM JUNIOR HIGH BUT WAS ACCEPTED BY TARANTINO!

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HA
BUT,
BUT, WHAT ABOUT TARANTINO...?
はっはHA
はっはHA
はっはHA
YOU IDIOT!!
ミシッ
CREEK
ギャ
WAAH!
グラッ
FALL
あの
NO

LAUGH
ゲラゲラ
WHAT ARE YOU DOING UP THERE!?
KO.
YOU COULDN'T HAVE EMAILED ME IN THE US WITH YOUR CELL PHONE. BESIDES, I NEVER GAVE YOU A NEW EMAIL ADDRESS.
THEY MADE ME COME HOME BECAUSE I WAS AN ILLEGAL ALIEN!
HA HA
KO-CHAN!?
WHY
WHY ARE YOU HERE !!??

SOMEDAY I'LL MAKE A GREAT MOVIE!
AND I'LL GET AN AWARD AT A FESTIVAL IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY
FAYBACK
YOU'RE LEAVING AGAIN/?
I'M GOING TO STUDY FILMMAKING IN TOKYO
OUCH/
OW/
THUD THUMP
ARE YOU AN IDIOT/?
TRY HARDER TO DO GOOD
YOU SHOULD
YOU CAN SAY THAT BECAUSE YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO IT!
WOW
SPLAT
DO I HAVE TO KILL YOU AGAIN/?

FREEDOM
DREAMS
BUT KO-CHAN'S LIES ALWAYS GAVE ME
IT WAS ANOTHER ONE OF HIS LIES
AHHH!
CRASH
WANTED TO BELIEVE THEM...
SIREN
HOSPITAL
THE TRUTH IS I MET SOME-ONE WHO LOOKED LIKE HIM
TARANTINO
WHEN I SAID I MET
OW/
OUCH/
THUD THUMP

YOU DON'T WANT TO?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
.....
OK

HEY, HEY! IT'S OK..
HEY, WHY ARE YOU CRYING?
WEEP WEEP
I... WILL BE DOING GOOD.
IT'S OK TO COME AND SEE ME IF YOU HAVE SPARE TIME.

HA HA...
KEEP OUT
SIGNAL
MY MASTERPIECE "NICE SEASON" IS DONE!! I'M GOING TO SEND IT TO YUKARI FANTA.
FINAL
MENU
ピ
PEEP
DING-A LING

WELL!!
I'M PROUD OF YOU. YOU ENTERED SCHOOL AT THE TOP!
I WAS WORRIED FOR AWHILE THERE...
I'M LEAVING FOR SCHOOL.
DRINK
NOW I CAN GO TO COLLEGE IN TOKYO AS YOU PROMISED ME
I TRIED HARD
VERY HARD

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AT LEAST THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED TO ME.

LOOK... THE OLDER BROTHER IS ALWAYS THE SMARTEST, AND THE YOUNGER BROTHER IS ALWAYS JEALOUS AND GOES BAD BECAUSE HIS PARENTS ALWAYS COMPARE HIM TO THE OLDER BROTHER...

WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE? DO YOU THINK YOU HAVE SPECIAL TALENT?
HUH/
YOU WANT TO MAKE MOVIES AFTER YOU PLAY IN A BAND?
YOU WANT TO BE A PRODUCER OR AN ACTOR? YOU'RE A DREAMER/

TRULY.

HE WAS PRONE TO ARGUING, AND WAS UNPLEASANT AND VERY DISAGREEABLE.

HIS DIGITAL CAMERA!
NOW IT'S MINE!
I FOUND IT!
ZIP
DIVVY ING UP HIS POSSESSIONS..
HE WAS A STUPID PERSON AND NOW HIS STUPID LIFE IS OVER
THAT'S IT
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
To Kenji
HE WAS SUCH A NICE BOY
BUT MY BROTHER PASSED AWAY
THE DOCTOR HAD TO PULL THE PLUG
HE WAS A MERE VEGETABLE FOR THE PAST 6 MONTHS..
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?.. SISTER IN-LAW..
BOO-HOO
WHISPER
HE'S A DISGRACE..
HE DOESN'T EVEN LOOK UPSET
HE'S HIS MOTHER RIGHT?
WHAT IS HE THINKING
WHAT TEMPERATURE DO YOU BURN THE BODY AT?
IT'S JUST MY INNOCENT CURIOSITY

MY BROTHER!? A LOVE LETTER !!??

Letter 8.

Lovers on Planet Icarus

"AS I HAD PROMISED, I'M LEAVING YOU MY DIGITAL CAMERA. IN RETURN, I WANT YOU TO GIVE THE VIDEOTAPE IN MY BAG TO MY LOVER. SHE WAS WITH ME FOR THE 3 WEEKS THAT I HAD BEEN MISSING. HER NAME IS YUIN AND SHE WORKS AT THE CHINESE MASSAGE PARLOR "NIHAO."

"ALSO, THIS TAPE IS A LOVE LETTER TO HER. SO YOU CAN'T WATCH IT WITHOUT ASKING ME FIRST!"

WHAT SHOULD I DO WITH THAT VIDEO-TAPE?
NOW THAT THE DIGITAL CAMERA IS MINE...
WHAT PERCENTAGE DOES THE SURGERY HAVE OF BEING A SUCCESS?
15% BUT IF YOU DON'T HAVE IT YOU'LL DIE FOR CERTAIN
I THOUGHT MY BROTHER WOULD HAVE KNOWN THAT BECAUSE HE WAS SO SMART.

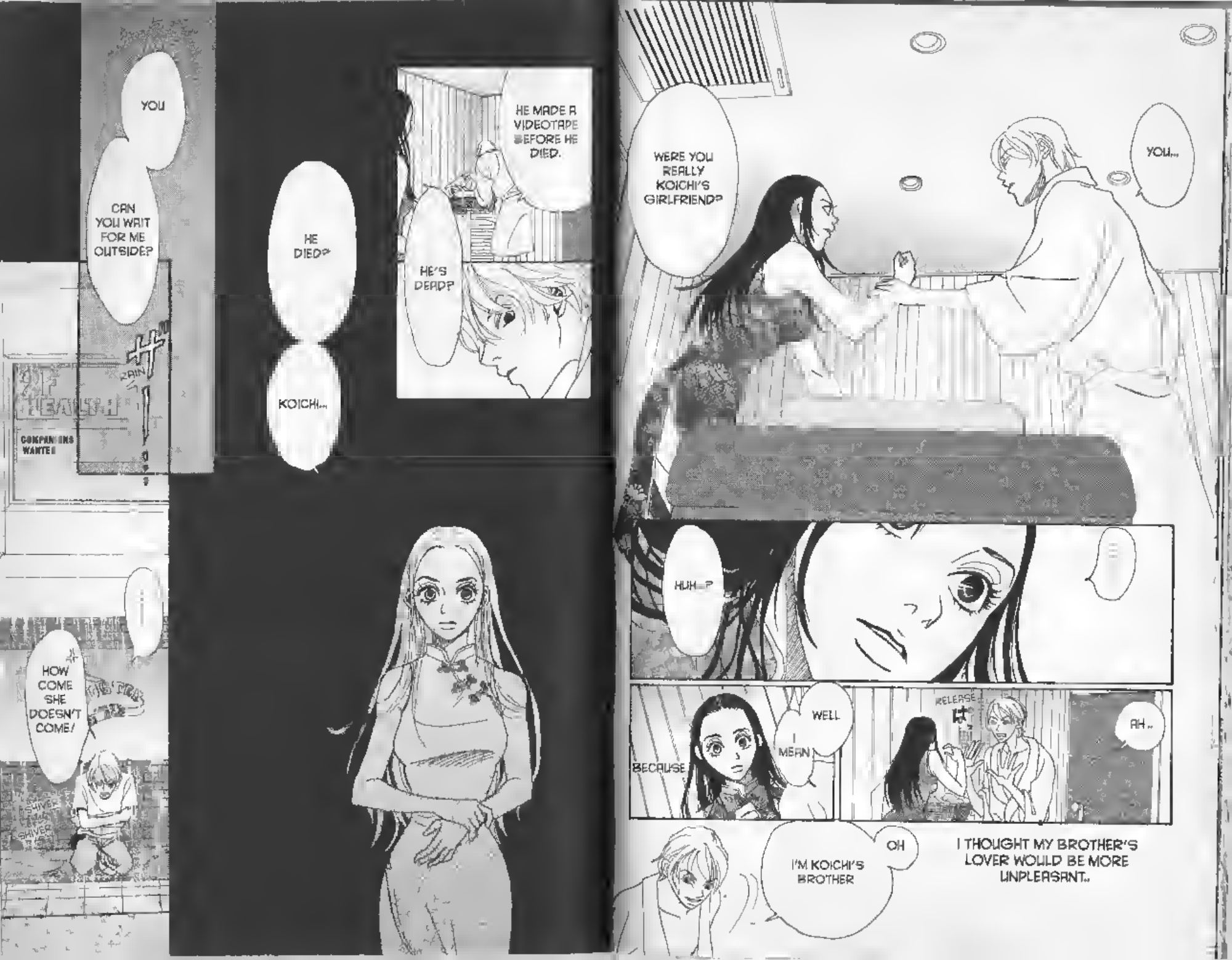
HEY, I'VE GOT A DIGITAL CAMERA NOW
HA HA HA
8MM VIDEOS ARE TROUBLE SOME TO PROCESS.
NOW OUR MOVIE CLUB CAN MAKE A FILM FOR THE SCHOOL FESTIVAL.
WE NEED TO FIND SOME GIRLS FOR OUR MOVIE.
GREAT!
IT'S A VX2001!?
EHP @ I I'M GONNA BE IN A MOVIE!?
DO YOU WANNA BE IN OUR MOVIE?
KENJI IS USING HIS VX2001
HEY!! WHY'D YOU LEAVE THE CLUB WITH THAT GIRL THE OTHER DAY?
YOU LEFT ME ALL ALONE!
HEY..
I DID?
YOU'RE CUTE!
I FOUND YOU, KENJI!!
SLIDE
LOOP

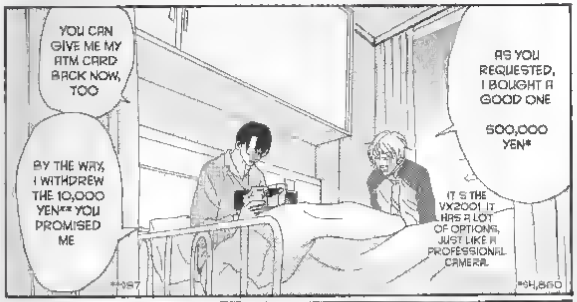
NO...
I'M NOT HERE AS A CUSTOMER...
YUIN?
YOU HAVE TO PAY FIRST
THEN SHE'S WITH SOMEONE RIGHT NOW SHE CAN'T SEE YOU
ALL RIGHT... I'LL TAKE THE CHEAPEST COURSE...
HELLO?
THIS WAY...
6000 YEN...
SHOOT
YUIN!
GAT...
I WONDER WHAT SHE LOOKS LIKE...
!

WHY ARE YOU ALWAYS SO MEAN TO HIM/?
HEY...!
SLAM
THAT NIGHT, MY BROTHER DISAPPEARED
WHERE ELSE IS HE GONNA GO?
HE'LL BE BACK SOON.
BUT IT'S TRUE, HE WAS GONE FOR 3 WEEKS.
I'M GLAD YOU CAME HOME, SON.
WHAT WERE YOU DOING?
I THOUGHT HE WOULDN'T HAVE ANYWHERE TO GO.
I WONDER WHAT KIND OF GIRL SHE IS?
BUT HE WAS WITH A GIRL
SHOULD I BRING IT TO HER JUST FOR THE FUN OF IT?

OH..
I'M SORRY
PLEASE
LIE DOWN.
PLEASE
GRAB
!

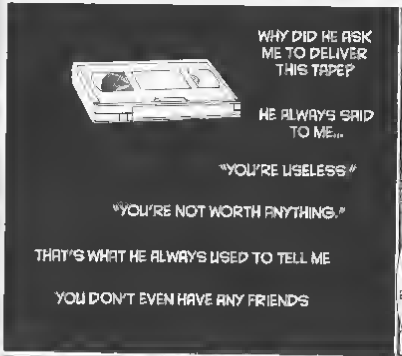
PLANET
イカルスの星
ICARUS
PLANET ICARUS
星イカルス
あの人をみたらいってー
IF YOU SEE HIM,
TELL HIM, GO BACK.
かえれとおー
WOW.
WHAT A PRETTY VOICE.
THIS SOUND'S FAMILIAR


YOU
CAN YOU WAIT FOR ME OUTSIDE?
HOW COME SHE DOESN'T COME!
SHIVER SHIVER
HE DIED?
KOICHI...
HE MADE A VIDEOTAPE BEFORE HE DIED.
HE'S DEAD?
WERE YOU REALLY KOICHI'S GIRLFRIEND?
YOU...
HUH...?
BECAUSE
WELL I MEAN
RELEASE
AH..
OH
I'M KOICHI'S BROTHER
I THOUGHT MY BROTHER'S LOVER WOULD BE MORE UNPLEASANT..

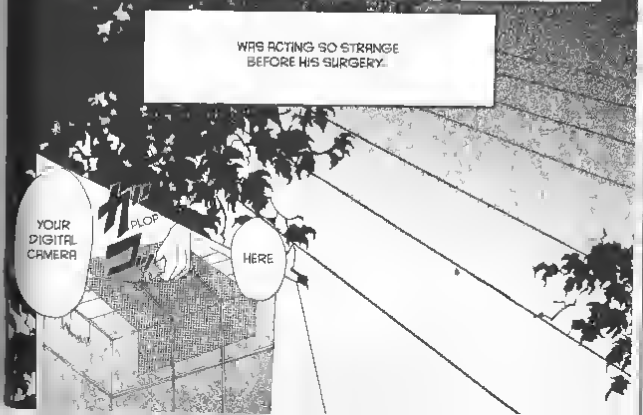

YOU CAN GIVE ME MY ATM CARD BACK NOW, TOO
BY THE WAY, I WITHDREW THE 10,000 YEN** YOU PROMISED ME
**$87
AS YOU REQUESTED, I BOUGHT A GOOD ONE
500,000 YEN*
IT'S THE VX2001. IT HAS A LOT OF OPTIONS, JUST LIKE A PROFESSIONAL CAMERA.
*$4,860

HUH
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO GET YOUR WISH
HEH HEH
THAT MEANS IT'S 85% MINE ALREADY!
IF I DIE IT'S GONNA BE YOURS.
EH!
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO USE THE CAMERA FOR?
IT'S SUCH A NICE ONE.

I'M GOING TO SURVIVE.
I..


WHY DID HE ASK ME TO DELIVER THIS TAPE?
HE ALWAYS SAID TO ME...
"YOU'RE USELESS."
"YOU'RE NOT WORTH ANYTHING."
THAT'S WHAT HE ALWAYS USED TO TELL ME
YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE ANY FRIENDS
PHEW...
I WONDER IF I SHOULD JUST LEAVE...
IT'S NONE OF MY BUSINESS

HE
NO WONDER :D


WAS ACTING SO STRANGE BEFORE HIS SURGERY..
YOUR DIGITAL CAMERA
PLOP
HERE

HEY LOOK.
THE TOKYO TOWER.
HE PLAYED WITH STRING FIGURES BUT IT REALLY DIDN'T LOOK LIKE THE TOKYO TOWER..
THAT WAS THE FIRST TIME HE SMILED AT ME.
"OH... HE'S GOING CRAZY BECAUSE HE'S DYING."
ANYWAY, THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT.
AH!
A HA HA HA HA
YOU GUYS REALLY ARE BROTHERS?
TWO PEAS IN A POD!
WHAT ARE YOU LAUGHING AT?
HA! BECAUSE!
HE SAT THERE TOO AND WAITED FOR ME!
EXCUSE ME!
HE WAS MORE LIKE A STALKER
HUH?!
ANYWAY, YOU DATED HIM, RIGHT?
NOT REALLY
REALLY?
THAT'S THE FIRST TIME ANYONE'S EVER SAID MY BROTHER AND I WERE ALIKE

HE WAS DRAGGED OFF OF ME AND THROWN OUT.

BUT HE WAITED FOR ME JUST LIKE YOU DID.

AT FIRST...

I THOUGHT HE WAS A NORMAL CUSTOMER...

MONEY DOESN'T MATTER!
SLAP
UGH...!
I DON'T WANT TO GIVE YOU MONEY, I WANT TO GIVE YOU MY LOVE!!!
RAIN
WHY IS HE CRYING? I SHOULD BE CRYING!
SO, BE MY WOMAN!
YUIN!
SPLASH
SPLASH
SPLOOSH
SPLOOSH
I LIKE YOU!
I LIKE YOU.
I REALLY LIKE YOU.
SPLOOSH
HE KEPT STALKING ME FOR A FEW DAYS.
THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT, RIGHT?
STOP FOLLOWING ME!
TELEPHONE CARD
ENTRANCE
YOU CAN SLEEP WITH ME BUT ONLY ONCE. AND FOR 30,000 YEN*
*¥292

I CAN SHOUT AS LOUDLY AS I WANT
I REALLY ENJOYED DOING THAT
I CAN FEEL LIKE
I'M REALLY ALIVE.
YOU DON'T LIKE ME!?
YOU DON'T LIKE PEOPLE LIKE THIS!?
HEY! SHUT UP!
FWIP
I'M HAPPY ABOUT IT!

BUT HE WAS TOO MUCH FOR ME TO HANDLE!!!

FIRST OF ALL, HE WASN'T AFRAID TO SHOW HIS EMOTIONS. HE JUST CRIED RIGHT OUT.

I WAS MOVED,

MAYBE THAT WASN'T MY BROTHER.
AH.
NO..
IT DOESN'T SOUND LIKE HIM AT ALL
IT MUST'VE BEEN SOMEONE ELSE.
OH...
MAYBE I SAID TOO MUCH.. BUT HE HAD ANOTHER SIDE TOO.
KLINK KLINK
KLINK KLINK
LOOK AT THESE!
OH... HERE
THERE WAS ALSO A GENTLE SIDE TO HIM.
IT'S TRUE.

I'LL LIVE AS I LIKE!
DO YOU UNDER-STAND!?
"AS I LIKE."

MY BROTHER TOLD MY MOM "KENJI IS HIDING TRASH UNDER HIS BED!"
MY MOM THREW ALL MY ROCKS AWAY AND SOME OTHER TREASURES.
THESE ARE PRETTY STONES, AREN'T THEY!?
THE RIVER HAS LOTS OF GERMS IN IT DON'T PICK STUFF OUT OF IT, YOU IDIOT!
THEY'RE JUST PIECES OF GLASS!
I DON'T THINK YOUR LOVER WAS MY BROTHER
I DON'T THINK MY BROTHER WOULD HAVE GOTTEN THESE
MY BROTHER...
HE GOT THESE FOR YOU?
YES! HE GAVE THEM TO ME
REALLY..?
THEY REMIND ME OF MY CHILDHOOD
I USED TO COLLECT THEM WHEN I WAS A x D
OH... THERE ARE LOTS OF THESE IN THE RIVER
WITH KOICHI?
LOOK! LOOK AT THESE!
BROTHER! BROTHER!

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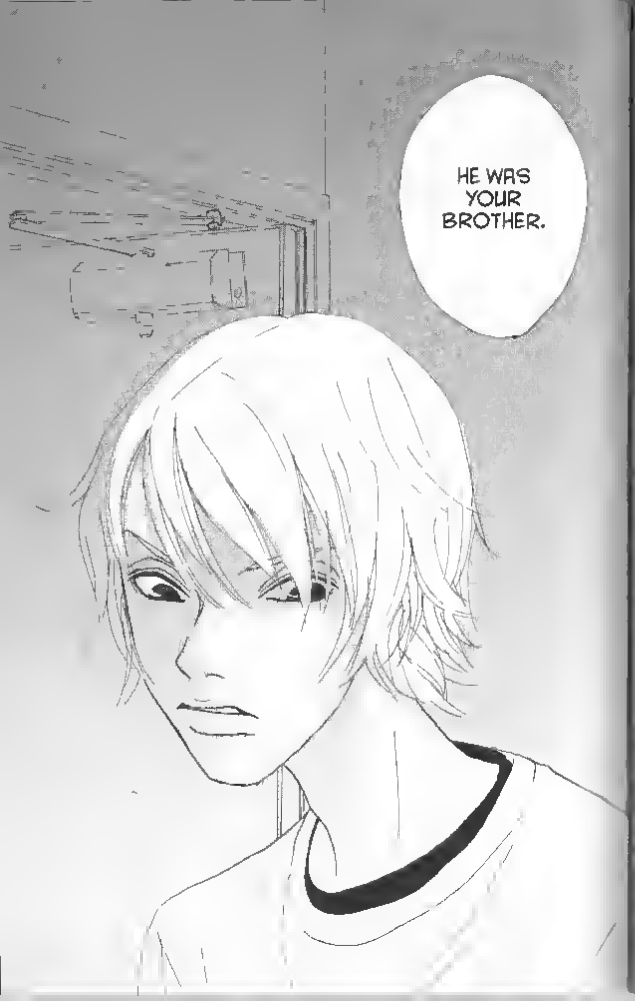
TEAR
ビッ
RIP
ビッ
RIP
MY BROTHER
YES?
HE ALWAYS MADE FUN OF ME.
AH
HE TOLD ME "MY BROTHER PLAYED IN A BAND, AND WROTE STUPID LYRICS."
ALL RIGHT THEN. HE WAS YOUR BROTHER/
あはは
BUT.. HE SAID HE HAD A YOUNGER BROTHER
DID YOU PLAY IN A BAND?
YEAH, IN JUNIOR HIGH
?
"I WANT TO FLY"...
HA...
GO AWAY!
BROTHER BAND WAS
"IN THE SKY" ?

WHAT...?
HOW COULD YOU SAY THAT!?
KOICHI
HE SAID THAT HE WAS ENVIOUS OF YOU.
HE SAID "MY BROTHER LIVES BY INSTINCT.
SO HE REALLY MIGHT BE THE KIND OF MAN WHO COULD DO GREAT THINGS."
"WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?"
I CAN'T BELIEVE.
PUSH
HE WOULDN'T SAY THAT!
!

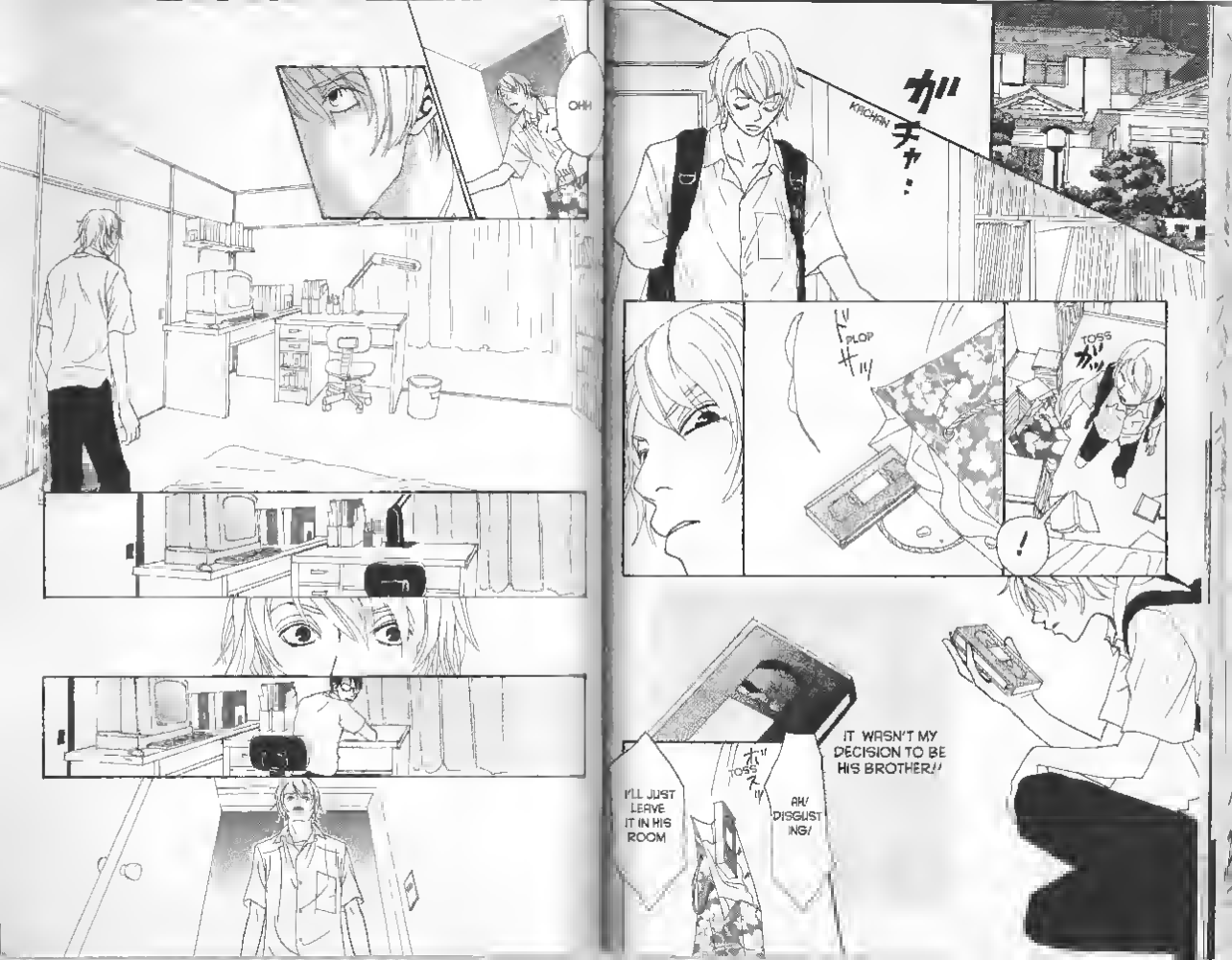
I'M SORRY FOR YOU AS HIS LOVER, BUT...
I'M...
EH?
I'M SORRY
FOR WHAT I SAID ABOUT STUPID LYRICS
HE HE HEH
GULP
!
I'M
I'M GLAD THAT HE DIED...

AND THESE TOO...
KLAK
TAKE ALL OF HIS STUFF HOME WITH YOU.
LET ME FORGET ALL ABOUT HIM.

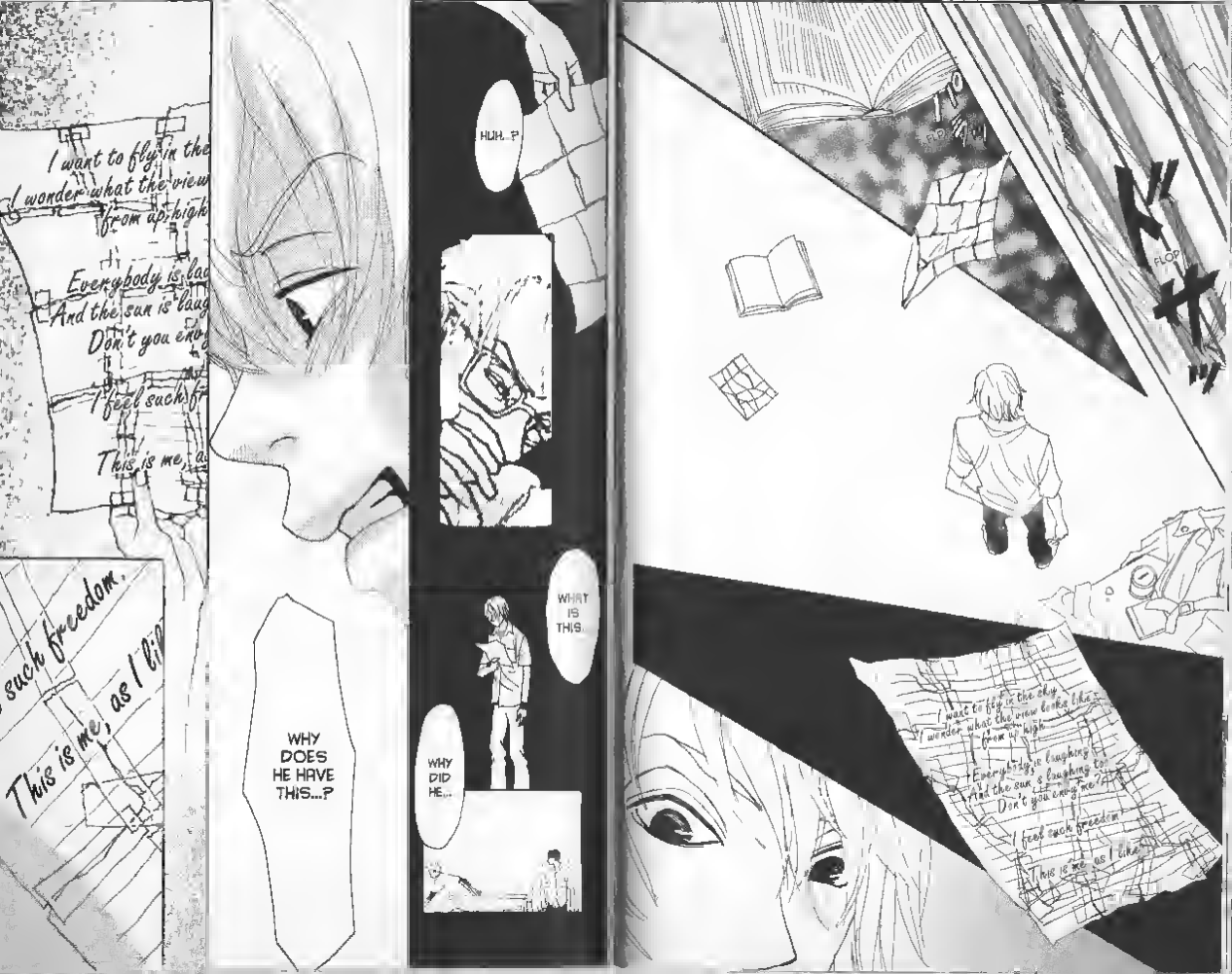
HERE IS A VIDEO!
WAIT A MINUTE...
HUH...
TAKE IT WITH YOU.
I DON'T WANT IT
IT DOESN'T MATTER NOW.
HE TOLD ME HE'D BE WITH ME FOREVER
KOICHI'S DEAD. HE'S ALREADY BROKEN HIS PROMISE


HE WAS YOUR BROTHER.

HM
HA HA HA HA
HUH..
HA HA HA
MY BROTHER'S
EVERY-THING
OK, OK. I'LL JUST THROW IT ALL AWAY
IT SERVES YOU RIGHT!
SEE YOU!
LAST WISH IS REJECTED
HA HA HA
WHY DO YOU HATE HIM SO MUCH?
HEY-


OHH
KACHAK
ガチャ
PLOP
TOSS
!
IT WASN'T MY DECISION TO BE HIS BROTHER!!
I'LL JUST LEAVE IT IN HIS ROOM
TOSS
AH! DISGUSTING!

I THOUGHT I SEALED MY PAST
"MY MUSIC WILL CHANGE THE WORLD"
HUH..
THIS IS..
JOURNAL
!!!
MINE...!
I THREW THIS AWAY...!
THROW
JOURNAL
RHAAA!
GRAB
GEEZ...
HEY! YUIN WANTS TO RETURN THIS JUNK TO YOU!
RUSTLE
NOT STYLISH
BUT FAMOUS BRAND CLOTHES
HE ALWAYS WORE THE CLOTHES THAT MOM PICKED OUT!!
RIDERS!?
EH!?
JOURNAL
IS THIS REALLY MY BROTHER'S STUFF...?
A 100,000 YEN PIGGY BANK!?
A MOMUS CD!?


I want to fly in the
I wonder what the view
from up high
Everybody is
And the sun is
Don't you
I feel such
This is me, a
such freedom.
This is me, as I
WHY DOES HE HAVE THIS...?
HUH...?
WHY DID HE...
WHAT IS THIS...
FLOP
I want to fly in the sky
I wonder what the view looks like
from up high
Everybody is laughing to
And the sun is laughing to
Don't you envy me?
I feel such freedom
This is me, as I like

"AS I LIKE"?
BUT THAT'S WHY I CAN'T KEEP A GIRLFRIEND OR ANYTHING ELSE
AND NOTHING EVER LASTS
HE IS AN IDIOT!
IDIOT...
ガタ"
"SO HE REALLY MIGHT BE THE KIND OF MAN WHO COULD DO GREAT THINGS."
"I'LL LIVE AS I LIKE"
HUH...
WHAT DOES HE MEAN?
HA HA
WHY DID HE UNDERLINE PARTS OF IT?
ANY IDIOT COULD HAVE WRITTEN THIS!
THIS POEM SOUNDS LIKE YOU'VE HEARD IT BEFORE..

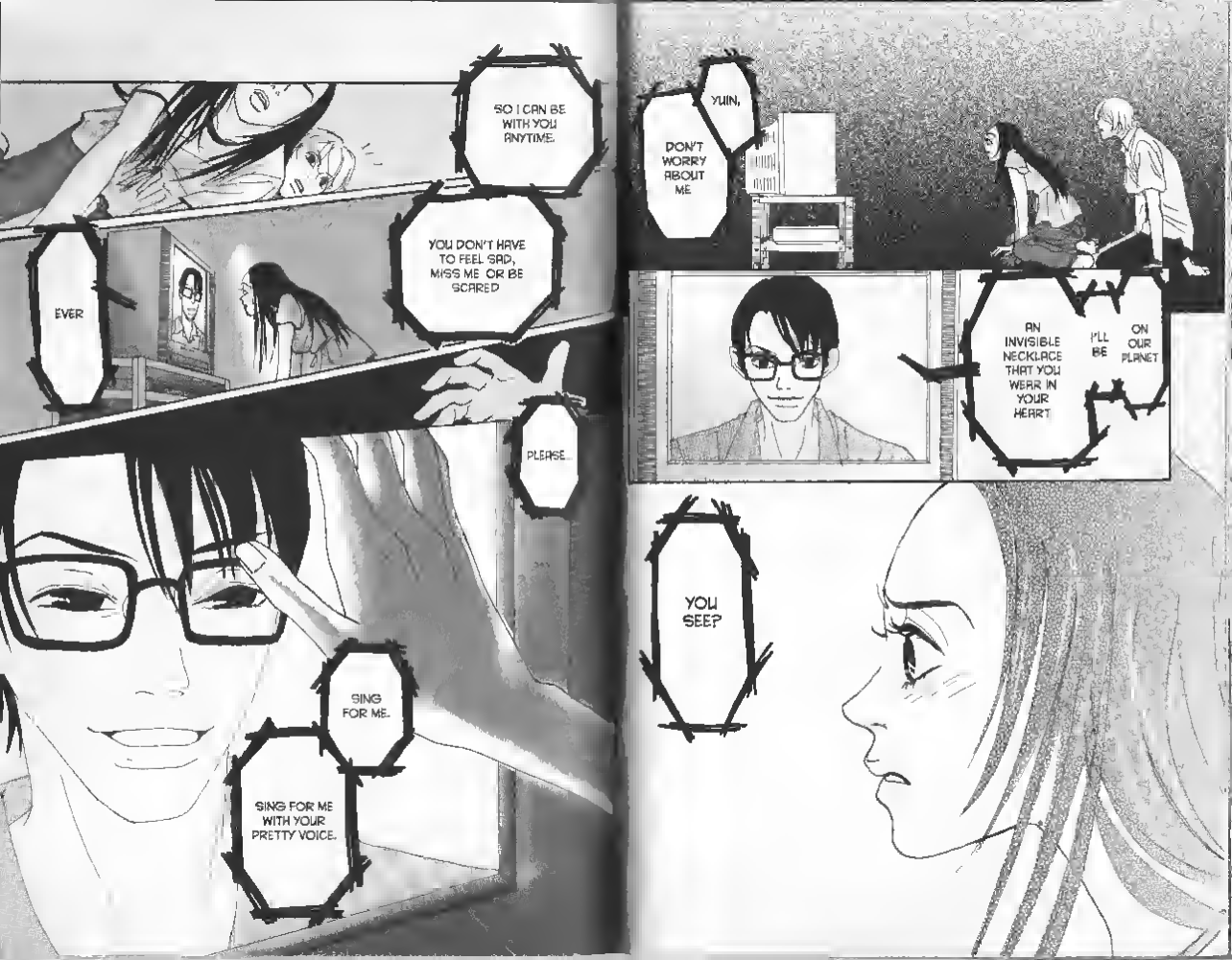
KKRINKLE
WHO CARES!
I HATE YOU!
HOW STUPID-
HE TAPED THIS BACK TOGETHER.

RUN
PUSH
HEY!
NO!
WATCH IT!
WRESTLE
WRESTLE
WRESTLE
WRESTLE
STRUGGLE
GRRRR
JUST WATCH!

DING DONG
HATE YOU...
THIS VIDEO!
I WANT YOU TO WATCH IT!
SHOVE
AH!
GACHA
YES...
NO!
HEY!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING!
SHOVE
AH!

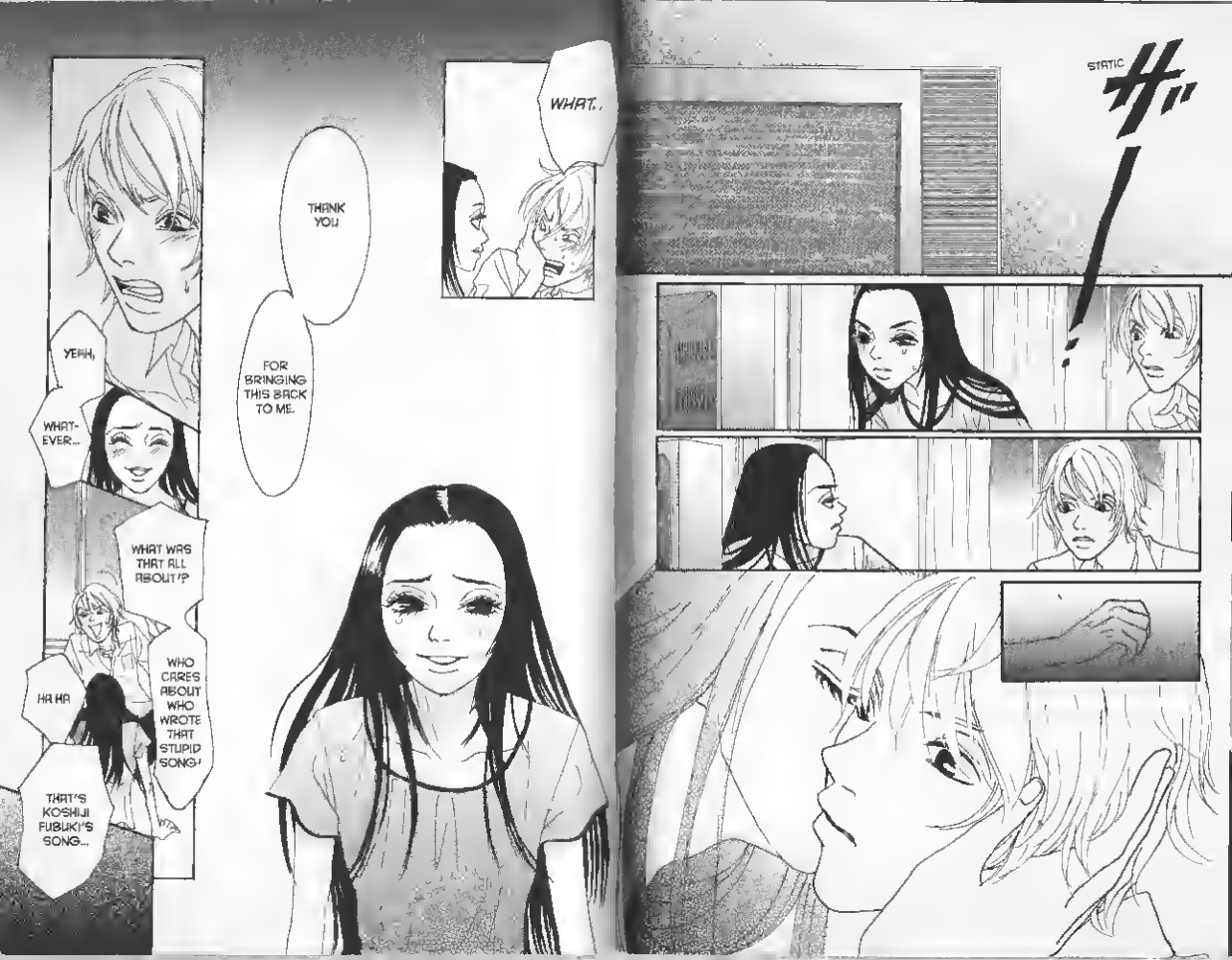
WELL,
ANYWAY...
PLANET ICARUS IS HIDDEN ON THE FAR SIDE OF THE SKY.
BY THE WAY, DO YOU STILL REMEMBER THE SONG I WROTE?
NO, YOU AREN'T
HA HA HA
TONE DEAF!
NOW
I'M GOING TO PLANET ICARUS

STATIC
BECAUSE
WE'RE BROTHERS
BEEP
YOU TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE!
TUG
TOKYO TOWER!
I'M GETTING BETTER
WHAT DO YOU THINK, YUJI?


SO I CAN BE WITH YOU ANYTIME.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO FEEL SAD, MISS ME OR BE SCARED
EVER
PLEASE...
SING FOR ME.
SING FOR ME WITH YOUR PRETTY VOICE.
YUIN,
DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME
I'LL BE ON OUR PLANET
AN INVISIBLE NECKLACE THAT YOU WEAR IN YOUR HEART
YOU SEE?

I LOVE YOU, YUIN!
PLANET ICARUS IS HIDDEN...
ON THE FAR SIDE OF THE SKY...
YUIN
YOU HAVE A PRETTY VOICE...
PH... PH..

IT'S TRUE...
THEY BOTH CAN ALWAYS SEE EACH OTHER ON THE BEAUTIFUL PLANET ICARUS.


STATIC
WHAT..
THANK YOU
FOR BRINGING THIS BACK TO ME.
YEAH,
WHAT-EVER...
WHAT WAS THAT ALL ABOUT!?
HA HA
WHO CARES ABOUT WHO WROTE THAT STUPID SONG!
THAT'S KOSHIJI FUBUKI'S SONG...

HEY... HOW ABOUT THIS
HOW ABOUT I GIVE HER A BOUQUET OF ROSES AT FIRST SIGHT.
THIS IS WHERE I SHOULD SEDUCE HER.
HUH? WAS I BEING DISAGREEABLE?
YEAH...
WHAT?
YOU SURE ARE BEING DISAGREEABLE!
ACTUALLY I WANT TO FILM IT MY WAY
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
BY BLOOD.
AH... I'M STILL RELATED TO MY BROTHER
EHP
EVEN THOUGH I HATE HIM.
NEXT SCENE
OK
GHEE....

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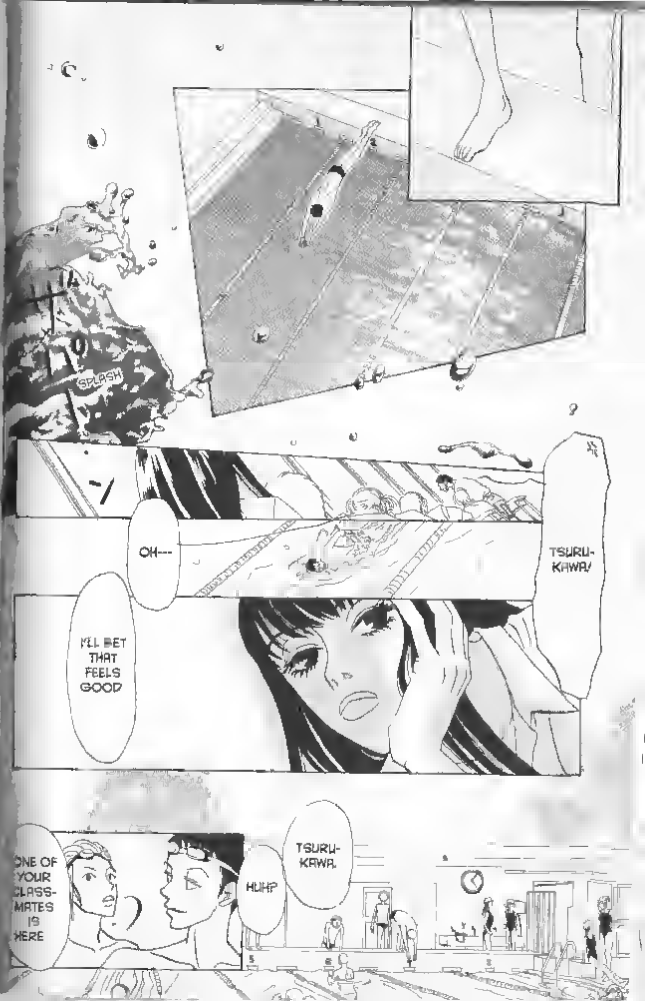
Bonus Story

Summer's Foam

TSURUKAWA SKIPPED CLASS AGAIN!
HE'S IN THE POOL. LOOK.
EH?!
OH!
HEY!
TSURUKAWA! YOU SHOULD BE IN HOME ROOM

HEY..
KATAGIRI
DID YOU COME TO SEE ME?
YOU'VE MADE ME A LITTLE NERVOUS!
HEY..
CAN I STILL JOIN THE SWIM CLUB?
EHP
AH/
HEY, WAIT/ ARE YOU SERIOUS/?
YOU'RE GOING TO BE GRADUATING SOON.
AH/
WHY DO YOU WANT TO DO THAT? I THOUGHT YOU SAID "SWIMMING'S A BOTHER" AND "WHEN I HOLD MY BREATH MY BRAIN CELLS DIE." THAT'S WHY YOU ALWAYS SKIPPED CLASS
KATAGIRI...!
AH/
THE SWIMMING INSTRUCTOR'S PRETTY LAX, HE'LL LET YOU JOIN NOW
HEY!
I'M SORRY I'M SO LAX
TSURUKAWA-KUN. GO RUN A FEW LAPS AROUND THE TRACK


SPLASH
OH---
I'LL BET THAT FEELS GOOD
TSURU-KAWA/
ONE OF YOUR CLASS-MATES IS HERE
HUH?
TSURU-KAWA.

I KNOW THERE'S NOT MUCH TIME LEFT BEFORE THE EXAM, BUT
COULD YOU PLEASE TEACH ME ANYWAY?
WELL... YOU SAID YOU ALMOST DROWNED ONCE
SO FIRST YOU HAVE TO GET USED TO BEING IN THE WATER AGAIN.
TSURU-KAWA.
DON'T JUST WITCH HER.
GO SHOW HER!
SHUT UP!
I USUALLY DON'T ACCEPT NEW MEMBERS MID-TERM.
BUT SHE WANTS TO LEARN TO SWIM BEFORE MOVING TO ALASKA
I'D LIKE TO WELCOME A NEW MEMBER TO THE CLUB
WHAT!?
WHY?
IT'S KATA-GIRI'S FAULT!
TSURU-KAWA
WHY WERE YOU RUNNING LAPS IN YOUR SWIM TRUNKS YESTERDAY?
BECAUSE YOU SKIPPED HOME ROOM?
IT WAS FUNNY.
HUH!?
SNICKER
OK. OK. YOU ALWAYS FIND A WAY TO MENTION KATA-GIRI, TSURUKAWA-KUN.
WHATEVER
BUT, THAT'S NOT SO BAD, IS IT?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT!?
SNAP
YEAH, IT'S PRETTY OBVIOUS..
WHATEVER
WHAT-EVER.
YOU SAID "WHATEVER."
YOU'RE COOL.

OH!
YOU CAN DIVE INTO THE WATER!
BUBBLE
BUBBLE
SPLASH
PURRLE
PURRLE

A JOY FOR BOYS IN THE SWIMMING CLUB...
LET ME FIX IT FOR YOU.
I CAN SEE YOUR SUNBURN LINE
YOU GOT SUNBURNED
HEY, KATAGIRI-SAN...
SEE YOU
EH?
WHACK
THE INSTRUCTOR ASKED IF I'D DO IT.
I LIE
I CAN HELP YOU LEARN TO SWIM.
IS IT HARD FOR YOU TO DIVE INTO THE WATER?
AND I CAN'T OPEN MY EYES UNDERWATER EITHER
YEAH.
TSURU-KAWA
PANT PANT
OH,
SO YOU CAN STAY UNDER WATER FOR AWHILE?
GOOD FOR YOU, TSURUKAWA!
CAN YOU OPEN YOUR EYES TOO?
NO, I CAN'T
HUH..
WHAT EVER.
YOU LOOKED SAD EVERY TIME SHE SKIPPED SWIMMING CLASS.
YOU GOT TO SEE KATAGIRI IN HER SWIMMING SUIT!

IT REALLY WORKS!
WHAT? ARE YOU DOING TO ME..!?
COUGH
KAHH!
KAHH
KAHH
EHP? OK..
GIVE THEM TO ME.

BECAUSE
HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT?
!
YOU'RE KIDDING YOU ALWAYS OPEN YOUR EYES IN THE WATER
OH, I GET IT/
YOU ALWAYS LOOK AT ME...
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WOW
EHP?
LET ME TRY/
YOU CAN SEE UNDER WATER BETTER WITH THAT THING ON/
SHOVE
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HUH/?
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SO YOU'RE GOING TO ALASKA, RIGHT?
THEN IT REALLY SHOULDN'T MATTER TO YOU IF YOU LEARN TO SWIM, OR HAVE THOSE IN ALASKA
THAT'S OK I'LL WEAR THEM WHEN I RIDE THE DOG SLED'S.
HEY, YOU TWO
START YOUR WORK-OUT!
SPLASH
SPLASH
SPLASH
SPLASH
RELEASE
GASP
WHY'D YOU LET GO OF ME!?
GRRRR

YOU SHOULD BE LEARNING HOW TO RIDE A DOG SLED
EH?
WAIT HERE.
I'M GONNA BRING YOU A PADDLE-BOARD
DRIP
GRAB
!!?
SPLAAASH
ドボン
HEY
DO YOU KNOW WHY I WANTED TO JOIN THE SWIMMING CLUB?
NO. WHY?
IN MY NOSE-
COUGH
GASP
DAMN IT...
THINK ABOUT IT
WHY DID SHE WANT TO JOIN THE SWIMMING CLUB?
1
2

!
NOT GOOD
ALMOST
WHAT-EVER
SPLISH
SPLASH
YOU DON'T WANT IT... YOU THREW IT OVER THE FENCE.
NO, I DON'T WANT THIS!
GIVE ME YOUR HAND!
I'M HUNGRY LET'S GO EAT
TEACHER..
CAN I STAY A LITTLE LONGER AND TEACH KATAGIRI?
SPLISH SPLASH
THAT'S GOOD
TAKE A DEEP BREATH AND EXHALE AS YOU SWIM
SPLISH SPLASH
KABLOOSH
AH!
YOUR SWIMMING IS MUCH BETTER THAN BEFORE.
TODAY IS YOUR LAST DAY BUT...
IT'S STILL HARD FOR YOU TO TAKE IN A BREATH
AH..
COUGH
SPLASH

DON'T GO.
I WANT TO GO
I WANT TO RIDE ON A DOG SLED
MAYBE YOU CAN TALK YOUR PARENTS INTO LETTING YOU STAY..
BUT...
DO YOU REALLY WANT TO GO TO ALASKA?

YOU DID IT...
GOOD
PUT YOUR FACE IN THE WATER NOW..
SPLASH
WIN A FREE ICE CREAM!
THIS IS FO.. THANKS.
LEGEND OF THE WIND
SURPRISE
ICE CREAM
THIS IS GOOD
YEAH

HEY, KITAGIRI'S LEAVING!
SHE'S GOING TO GO STRAIGHT TO THE AIRPORT!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO PLAY THAT GAME RIGHT NOW, TSURU-KAWA!
PEEP!
PEEPEEP
AH!
GAME OVER XXX
RATS!!

BOING
AH!
I WON. I'M LUCKY.

I'M TIRED OF PLAYING THIS STUPID THING!
SMACK
SLIDE

KATAGIRI..!
1
2
3
I KNOW.
I WANTED TO SMELL CHLORINE ONCE MORE BEFORE I LEFT
PANT
PANT
WHY ARE YOU STILL HERE!? YOU HAVE TO GET GOING!
I LIKE THE SMELL.
IT SMELLS LIKE YOU.
CHLORINE!?
WE WOULD HAVE BEEN GOOD TOGETHER.
I'M SORRY
SWIM
SWIM

KA..
SLIDE
SPLASH
KATAGIRI..!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING!
DASH
HUH...!?

SPLASH
SPLASH
SPLASH
SPLASH
SPLASH
I..
TSURU-KAWA—
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
I WANT TO BE WITH YOU!
I LIKE YOU!

I WANTED TO DO IT ALL WITH YOU
IF I WEREN'T LEAVING I'D MAKE MORE EFFORT TO GO OUT WITH YOU.
AND TAKE OUR TIME SO WE COULD DO EVERYTHING
YEAH
SO DID I
ALRIGHT THEN..
EHP
I CAN LOCK THE DOOR TO THE GIRL'S LOCKER ROOM
OK?
AH!!
UH...!

SLAWOOSH
YOU CAN SWIM!
DIVE
SPLASH
AH-// BUT I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT IS!
EH!?
SPLASH
SWOOSH
YOU-
I REALLY DO, BUT..
I FEEL LIKE THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE I WANT..

I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT ELSE I'D WANT TO DO
AND I WANTED TO SWIM NEAR YOU, SO I JOINED THE SWIM CLUB
IT'S A NICE DAY
WHATEVER
GASP
AGHH..
FLIP
FLOP
THESE REALLY WORK WELL
WOW!
I WANTED YOU TO SEE ME WITH MY SWIMSUIT ON.

SPLASH
WOW!
SPLASH
YOU WIN
the end
BYE
BYE
I HAVE TO GO NOW
I WANT TO GIVE YOU THIS.

HE'S ALWAYS STICKING AROUND WITH HIS FRIENDS. BUT I FINALLY PUT A LOVE LETTER IN HIS BAG THE DAY BEFORE YESTERDAY.
THE HAGAKI
THE BEST RESULTS!!
SEE YOU, KIYOMI!
GYA HA HA
ARE YOU SERIOUS?
DO YOUR WORK SHEET AND BRING IT BACK TO ME!
CALL ME KIYOMI SAN STINKER HERO!
AND...
KIYOMI, 23 YEARS OLD TUTOR (PART TIME)
AHA HA HA
IT REALLY SOUNDS LIKE A JUNIOR HIGH KID'S ROMANCE
THAT'S CUTE!
WOW
うわっ
I DON'T CARE ABOUT HIM ANY MORE!
HE COMPLETELY IGNORED ME.
HE PISSES ME OFF!

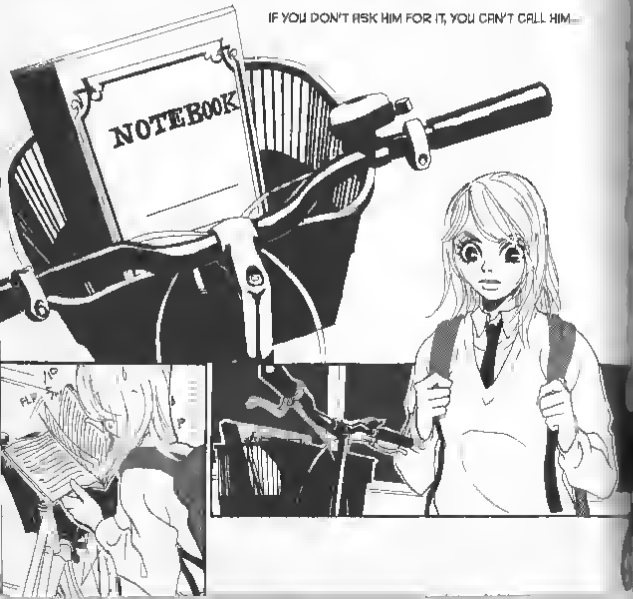
A PERFECT DAY FOR LOVE LETTERS

Letter 9

Secret Exchange Notebook

TUTOR KIYOMI-CHAN SAYS..
THEY MAKE A FUSS EVEN THOUGH THEY'VE NEVER EVEN TALKED TO EACH OTHER. THEN THEY COOL OFF EASILY
OR SO IT SEEMS
IS THAT REALLY WEIRD? IS IT CHILDISH?
COOLING OFF IS THE ONLY CHOICE I HAVE!!!
I WORKED UP MY COURAGE AND GAVE HIM A LOVE LETTER
AND HE DIDN'T EVEN HAVE ANY REACTION, SO WHAT ELSE CAN I DO?
KLANK
HN?
WHO PUT THIS TRASH IN MY BASKET..?
If you want to, I'll date you.
Tsutsui.

WHAT!? YOU GUYS HAVEN'T EVEN TALKED YET?
NOTHING'S CHANGED
IT IS NOT, YOU IDIOT!
KYA HA HA
NO THANK YOU...
I CAN GET IT FOR YOU
HEH HEH HEH
I DON'T KNOW HIS NUMBER!
WHY DON'T YOU CALL HIM?

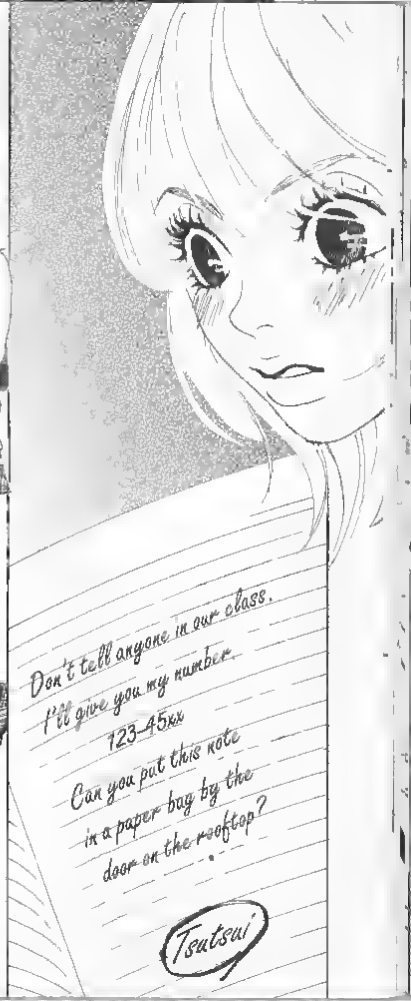


KIYOMI-CHAN SAID "HE'S THE BIGGEST BOY IN THE CLASS, BUT HE'S ALSO THE BIGGEST STINKER HEAD."

WE'RE GOING OUT ON A DATE, SO HE'S ALREADY MY "BOYFRIEND"..

AH... MY NAME IS TACHIBANA... IS NOBUO KUN THERE..?
HELLO. TSUTSUI RESIDENCE
WHO WAS THAT... HIS BROTHER?
HOLD ON PLEASE
BURNING CANDLES TO SET THE MOOD
AND HE GAVE ME HIS NUMBER, SO THAT MEANS I CAN CALL HIM
THERE'S NO TUTORING CLASS TOMORROW
OH, NO...!
HE SOUNDS LIKE HIS BROTHER
HEY! YOU HAVE A PHONE CALL FROM A GIRL!
WHAT SHOULD I SAY...!?
NERVOUS
AH... I JUST..
EHP
AHH.. WHAT?
HE SOUNDS CRANKY!
HELLO...?
AHH— ON THE DAYS I DON'T HAVE TUTORING I GO TO A CLUB
WELL WE DON'T HAVE TUTORING TOMORROW, RIGHT? SO..
OH.. THEY GOT RUN OVER BY A DUMP TRUCK
TOTALLY DESTROYED
HEH !?
DID YOU TAKE NOTES IN CLASS?
AH.. HI, THIS IS TACHIBANA KAEDE.

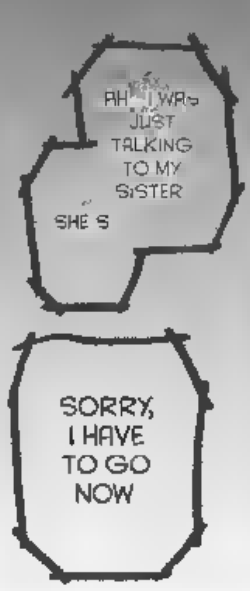
WOW...
WE'RE DATING !!!


Don't tell anyone in our class.
I'll give you my number.
123-45xx
Can you put this note in a paper bag by the door on the rooftop?
Tsutsui

NO ONE EVER COMES UP HERE...
COUGH COUGH
IT'S DUSTY UP HERE.
THERE ARE OTHER FOOT PRINTS ON THE STAIRS
STP
FLOOF

TSUTSUI...
PHEW...
TUTORING SCHOOL IS CLOSED TODAY
!?
OH!
SORRY I'M LATE.
HE ALWAYS STICKS AROUND HIS FRIENDS. I WONDER WHEN HE'S GOING TO COME AND GET THIS
COUGH
WHY DID HE USE THIS...?
IS THIS THE BAG HE TOLD ME ABOUT?
IS THIS REALLY HIS BAG?
KRNKL
DO YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN?
THIS IS WHERE I SAID I'D LEAVE IT
NO WAY! HE WOULDN'T DO THAT!

WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?
I WONDER IF HE DOESN'T LIKE ME?
MAYBE HE THINKS I'M BUGGING HIM.
WE DIDN'T TALK THAT MUCH. I WONDER IF HE THINKS I'M BORING.


AH... I WAS JUST TALKING TO MY SISTER
SHE'S
SORRY, I HAVE TO GO NOW

HAND BALL
GYA HA HA
NOBUO YOU'RE EROTIC.
CHECK!
EH? WHAT CLUB?
EH?
SHUT UP! I'LL GET YOU!!

I SHOULD WRITE AN EXCUSE IN THAT NOTEBOOK.
LET'S SEE...
!
To Tsutsui
I'm sorry I walked you the other day. I was so nervous, I couldn't think of anything to say
You're going to take the High School Entrance Exam, right?
Me too!
I hope we go to the same High school!
My number is 37-6574
PHS

HE WAS LATE BECAUSE HE WAS WRITING THIS!?
I WONDER IF I SHOULD WRITE BACK TO HIM
BUT I FEEL LIKE WHAT WE'RE DOING IS...
NOTEBOOK
I'D BETTER WRITE THAT I LISTEN TO CHIKA'S NUMBER GIRL AND SUPERCAR
I SHOULDN'T WRITE SOPPY MISHIMA AND ENKEN.
WHAT MUSIC DO I LISTEN TO?
HUH? TSUTSUI...
WHEW
THERE'S DUST ON YOUR JACKET
DIRTY
HE ALREADY PICKED UP THE NOTE!
I WAS AT A CLUB AT SCHOOL.
NOT ONLY THAT...
EH!?
HE ALREADY WROTE ONE BACK TO ME.
FLIP
NOTEBOOK

He might have trouble with the D high entrance exam
Why don't you help him study?
Mina-morita
That's my final answer
I have to drink young barley leaf tea every morning because of him.
KYA HA HA HA
TROUBLE WITH THE D HIGH ENTRANCE EXAM
I WAS THINKING THAT TOO
BUT HE SAID HE WANTED TO GO TO D HIGH! AND HE STILL HAS TIME LEFT TO STUDY!!
I LIKE TO EXCHANGE LETTERS EVERY DAY BUT...
WHAT HE WRITES IS NOT ABOUT ROMANCE
I FEEL LONELY..
WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?
HA HA HA
HA
WE'RE DATING!
*HOW CAN YOU CALL THIS DATING
JUST EXCHANGING LETTERS
How can you call that dating if you never see each other?
WE'RE TOO BUSY STUDYING FOR OUR ENTRANCE EXAMS!
YA KNOW...?
AH.. WELL...
PHEW
THEY MUST BOTHER THEIR NEIGHBORS
RECORD
A record of tonight's noise made by Tentsui's family. 2nd floor layout for tentsui's house.
From my brother's room
Metal music
Ozzy Osbourne and Black Sabbath
HALLWAY
STAIRS
From my sister's room
Every thought she's only in 8th grade
Japanese Guillotine Terror - S.O.S
BALCONY
From my room
I'm listening to Psychobilly, Demented Are Go, and Batmobile tonight.
But listen to all different kinds of music
Everyone wants to hear their music the loudest
Our parents have given up on us again tonight

WOW.
LOOKS INTERESTING
HEY, YOU'RE READING AN EROTIC COMIC...
YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO HIDE WHEN YOU READ THOSE
HE'S NOT IN HIS SCHOOL UNIFORM.
NO
THIS ISN'T THAT KIND OF COMIC!
I THOUGHT YOU WERE SOME PERVERT.
IT'S CLOSE TO THE TUTORING CLASS.
YEAH
HAVE YOU ALREADY BEEN HOME?
NO WAY
きゃ
GYA!

I'LL BUY ANOTHER ONE ON THE WAY HOME.
♡
AH!
THERE ARE ONLY 2 MORE PAGES BEFORE THIS NOTEBOOK IS FULL!
I JUST GRAB ANY COMIC AND START READING.
I'M NOT TRYING TO AVOID STUDYING FOR MY ENTRANCE EXAM
WHEN I READ THIS KIND OF COMIC, I IMAGINE IT'S TSUTSUI AND ME INSTEAD OF THE MAIN CHARACTERS
LATELY...
WHY DON'T YOU GET IT
I LIKE
!!
I ENVY YOU GUYS
THEY'RE TALKING...
WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU? BECAUSE MACHIKO IS...
EH?

I BOUGHT A SNACK. YOU WANT SOME?
I ALREADY ATE A LITTLE...
EVERY DAY IS A WAR AT THE DINNER TABLE
I GREW UP THAT WAY I'M A FAST EATER
I HAVE A BROTHER WHO LIKES METAL AND A SISTER WHO LIKES HARD CORE
TASTY FOOD
DID YOU FINISH EATING ALREADY!?
YOU BOUGHT THREE OF THEM...
THOSE WERE GOOD
YOU TALK MORE RUDELY THAN I THOUGHT...
OH! ARE YOU SURE? LET ME HAVE IT. I'LL EAT IT!
SNAP
BUT, LIKE IT
!
HUH!? WHAT'S THAT INSIDE THE CHOCOLATE?
REALLY!? SHOW ME SHOW ME!
I'M COLLECTING THEM—
THIS CHOCOLATE HAS A MINI FIGURE OF A REAL JIDAIGEKI IN IT

I...
YOU WANNA EAT OUTSIDE? DO YOU HAVE TIME?
AH... YEAH...
BUT IT ONLY TAKES 10 MINUTES BY BIKE..
OUR TUTORING CLASS HIRES A LOT OF STUDENTS FROM THE N JUNIOR HIGH. THAT'S WHERE I'M FROM!
YOU'RE IN A JUNIOR HIGH RIGHT? THAT'S KIND OF FAR FROM HERE..
I WANT TO EAT SOMETHING HOT
IT'S COLD TO DAY..
PM
ARE YOU LISTENING?
YEAH, I'LL EAT!
I'M HUNGRY TOO!
YIPPY..! YIPPY..!

I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT TSUTSUI IS TAKING ME HOME!
KYAHH!!!
NO WAY...
YES, IT DOES...
OK, HOP ON.
I DIDN'T THINK HE WAS SO CONSIDERATE
I'M THE CAPTAIN, BUT I CAN PROBABLY SKIP IT.
EH!?
EH!? YOU PLAY HANDBALL TOO?
I DON'T FEEL LIKE GOING TO HANDBALL PRACTICE TOMORROW MORNING.

NO! DON'T DO THAT... YOU'LL BREAK IT!
GU-GU-GU-GU
IT'S NOT AN ACTION FIGURE IT'S JUST A RUBBER DOLL
YOU WANT IT, DON'T YOU!?
AH...
ACHOO!
HM... I'M GETTING MORE RELAXED AROUND HIM.
YOUR BIKE IS THIS ONE, RIGHT? DOES IT HAVE FOOT PEGS ON IT?
OK LET'S GO HOME. IT'S COLD
EH!?
HM, I FEEL LIKE AN OLD MAN
SNIFF
GRUNT

BUT IF I SEE HIS HAPPY FACE RIGHT NOW...
I MIGHT FORGET MYSELF AND BECOME CRAZY.
To Tsutsu
I was very glad to talk to you the other day! If we pass the entrance exam for D High, I hope we can walk to school together
AND THEN I MIGHT HUG HIM.

HM...
REALLY?
THAT SOUNDS GOOD
I DIDN'T HAVE A CHOICE BECAUSE I LOST THE LOTTERY.
YOU'RE A CAPTAIN!? THAT'S GREAT!!!
I WANT TO BE AN EQUIPMENT MANAGER IN A CLUB.
AH!
IF I CAN GO TO D-HIGH SCHOOL
DOES HE UNDERSTAND WHAT I MEAN??
YIPPY YIPPY!
I HOPE HE LOOKS HAPPY.
I WONDER WHAT HIS FACE LOOKS LIKE RIGHT NOW?

WHAT ARE YOU DOING!? WE'RE GONNA BE LATE FOR THE SHOW!
I'M HURRYING...
STFF
COME ON, GET THAT STUFF BACK IN YOUR BAG!
THIS TUTOR-ING CLINIC DOESN'T HAVE A GOOD PLACE TO PARK YOUR BIKE.
WAY TOO SOMEONE LEAVE THIS BIKE RIGHT IN THE WAY!!
OUR NOTE-BOOK ISN'T IN MY BAS-KET...

NO WAY! ARE YOU SERIOUS!?
MY MATH IS 70.
YOUR ENGLISH DEVIATION LEVEL IS 75
GREAT JOB!
TACHIBANA KREDE GETS A PERFECT SCORE IN ENGLISH.
WE'RE DITCHING 2 CLASSES!
DO YOU THINK WE'LL MAKE IT?
RUN
RUN
THAT'S OK. I WANT TO GO TO D HIGH!!
YOUR GRADES ARE TOO GOOD FOR D HIGH, YOU SHOULD GO TO E HIGH.
SLIP
KATCH
SHOW ME!
TSUTSUI-KUN, YOU NEED A LITTLE MORE WORK.
ESPECIALLY IN ENGLISH FOR TOMORROW'S EXAM.
PWISH
KLANG

PHEW
DARN, THE JIDAIGEKI CHOCOLATES ARE SOLD OUT
I SHOULD GO HOME. WELL..
I WONDER IF I'M THE ONLY ONE—
I WANT TO TALK TO HIM MORE LIKE YESTERDAY..
DISAPPOINTED
THE NOTEBOOK ISN'T HERE AGAIN TODAY!? HUH..!
SUPER
I'M GONNA WAIT FOR A LITTLE WHILE
HE ISN'T HERE
ハハハ GYA HA HA HA
SO BAKI DID IT YESTERDAY.
GYA HA HA HA
HE COULDN'T HAVE SNUCK OUT TO GET IT..

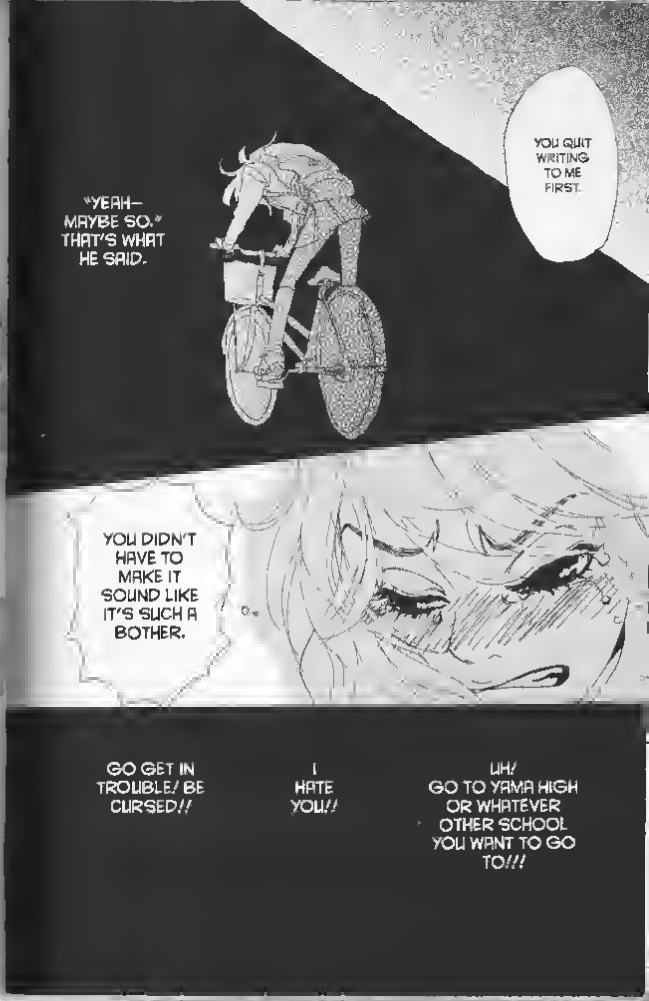
"I WANT TO BE AN EQUIPMENT MANAGER IN A CLUB."
REALLY!? WHAT KIND?
A GRETSCH OF COURSE
NOW OUR...
ONLY CONNECTION IS...
ARE YOU SERIOUS? YOUR VALUATION IS E FOR THE D HIGH ENTRANCE EXAM?
THAT NOTEBOOK.....
THAT'S NOT GOOD! WHY DON'T YOU CHANGE TO YAMA HIGH?
THE SAME AS MINE
WHAT!?
YEAH, WELL...
AS LONG AS I ENTER A PUBLIC SCHOOL, MY PARENTS WILL BUY ME A GUITAR
NOW I'M GLAD..
"THAT'S SOUNDS GOOD"
HIS FACE LOOKED LIKE "I DON'T CARE"
MAYBE...
I DIDN'T SEE HIS FACE...
WHY ONLY ME?
Pretend like you forgot something and I'll let you two be alone in here
Kyyun!
BECAUSE YOU'RE SO DUMB!
EH!? WHAT DO YOU MEAN!?
TSUTSUI-KUN, YOU'D BETTER STAY AND STUDY MORE

I DON'T LIKE STUFF LIKE THAT
I KNOW YOU TWO PLANNED THIS AND SET ME UP.
IT'S JUST...
THE NOTES.
UH
SO THEN...
DO YOU WANT TO QUIT...?
AND
I THOUGHT...
YOU KNOW...
WELL YOU DIDN'T WRITE BACK TO ME.
YOU'RE ALWAYS STICKING AROUND WITH YOUR FRIENDS

BADA-
YOU'RE TOO DEVIOUS!
CAN YOU WATCH HIM STUDY FOR ME?
I'M GONNA GO HAVE A SMOKE.
HEY...
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
YOU DON'T HAVE TO GET MAD ABOUT IT.
I'M NOT MAD
NO WONDER YOU TWO ARE ALWAYS SNEAKING NOTES TO EACH OTHER.
EH/ WELL... UHH...
DOES KIYOMI KNOW ABOUT US?
I THOUGHT SO.
YEAH... SORRY... I TOLD HER.
THIS FEELS WEIRD

YEAH-
MAYBE SO...
I'M CONFUSED...
SLIDE
1ST STP
2ND STP
3RD STP
YOU ALREADY HAVE.
AH..
I MEAN.../
THAT'S RIGHT/
AH/
...WE REALLY ARE DATING, RIGHT...?
THERE'S NO MORE CONNECTION BETWEEN US
I CAN'T SAY..
NOTE BOOK

AND—
HEY!
I'LL ASSIGN EXTRA WORK!
BE QUIET AND STOP WALKING AROUND!
KIYOMI
DON'T GET UPSET!
.....
UH! HE DOESN'T EVEN CARE.
WHATEVER...
I DON'T CARE EITHER.


"YEAH— MAYBE SO." THAT'S WHAT HE SAID.
YOU QUIT WRITING TO ME FIRST.
YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO MAKE IT SOUND LIKE IT'S SUCH A BOTHER.
GO GET IN TROUBLE! BE CURSED!!
I HATE YOU!!
UH! GO TO YAMA HIGH OR WHATEVER OTHER SCHOOL YOU WANT TO GO TO!!!

I HATE YOU.
I HATE YOU A LOT!
YOU LIAR...
"I HATE YOU" BUT... THIS IS NOT WHAT I WANT TO SAY.
If you want to, I'll date you. Tsutsui
AH... I STILL WANT TO...

RECEIPT
GINOCHIN MART
CHAINSAW ¥5,000
MASK ¥200
RUBBER GLOVES ¥500
TSUTSUI.....!!
HN.
If you want to, I'll date you. Tsutsui
YOU LIAR..
I HATE YOU, IDIOT.

AH...
NERVOUS?
HE'S GONNA BE GONE!
HE IS GONNA BE GONE...
LOCK IS RUSTY
GACHI GACHI
TSU...
GARA
TSUTSUI-KUN!!
I GOT A NEW NOTE-BOOK!

...GO ON A DATE WITH HIM.
I'm still thinking of you.
I want to talk to you more.
I want to go to the same high school with you.
I wouldn't mind going to Yuma High.
Is that all right with you...?
SLIDE
OH..
OK
THAT'S ALL FOR TODAY
DARN IT!
AHA HA HA
HEY
WAIT!
BUT I DIDN'T GET THE CHANCE!!!
LET'S GO.
I WANTED TO GIVE HIM MY NEW NOTE.
THOSE TWO ARE ALWAYS TOGETHER!
ARE YOU SERIOUS?
THAT CAN'T BE TRUE
NO WAY

HEY! TSUTSUI!
AH...
AH...!
WHAT ABOUT YOUR FRIENDS ...???
WHO CARES.

ME...
ME TOO..
I'M A HE-MAN!!
!!
WOW!!
EH...!??
SPIN
CLANG

SQUEEZE
FROM NOW ON I'M GOING HOME WITH YOU.

Letter 6 [illegible]

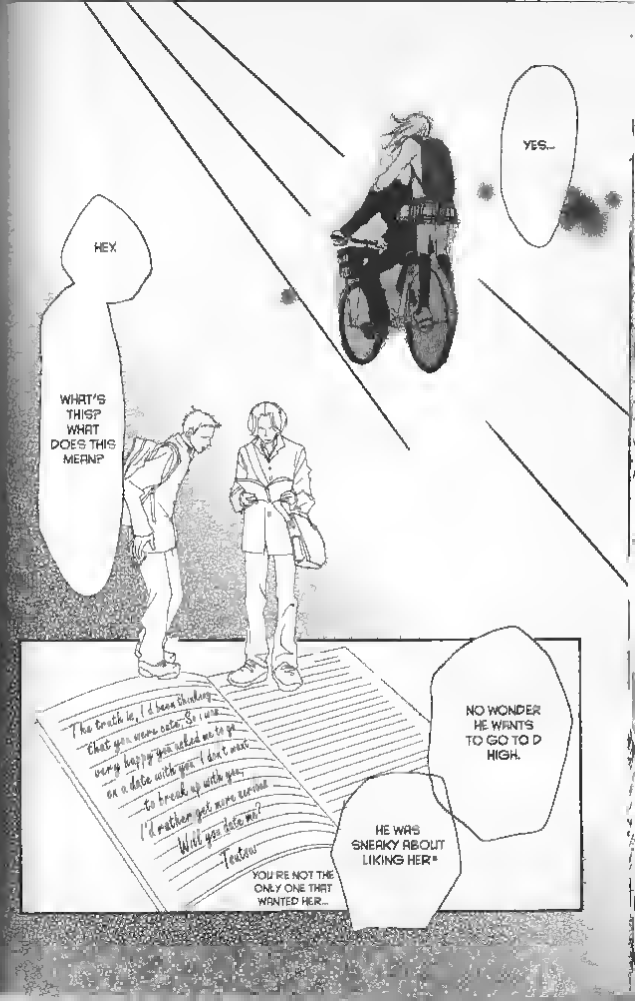
Letter 7 [illegible]

Letter 8 [illegible]

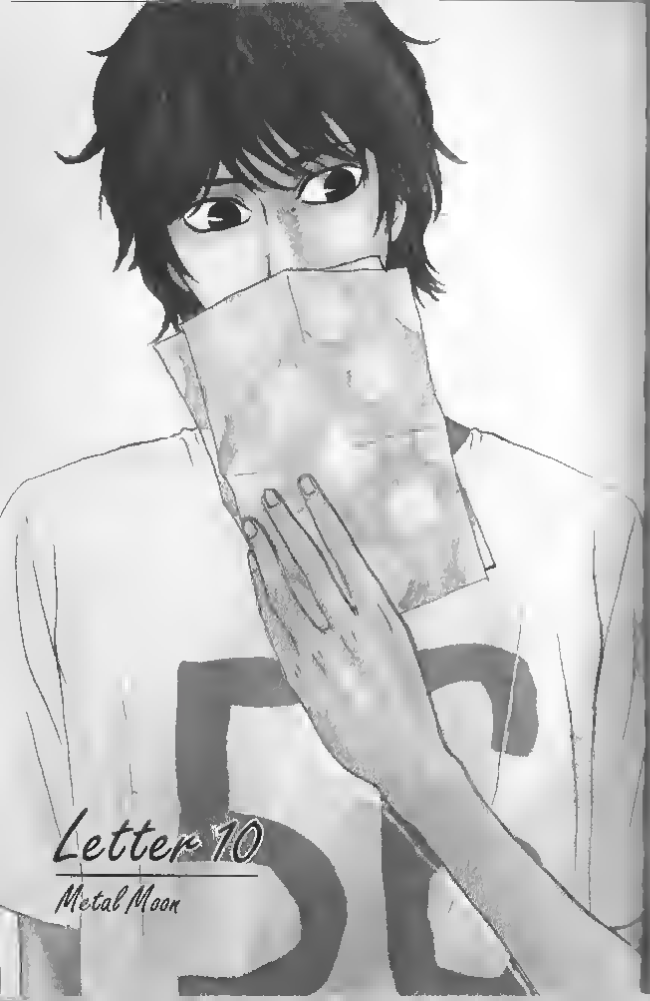
Bonus Story [illegible]

Letter 9 SECRET EXCHANGE NOTEBOOK

Letter 10 METAL MOON


YES...
HEX
WHAT'S THIS? WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?
To be honest, I'd been thinking that you were cute. So I was very happy you asked me to go on a date with you. I don't want to break up with you. I'd rather get more serious! Will you date me? Tsutsu
YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY ONE THAT WANTED HER...
HE WAS SNEAKY ABOUT LIKING HER*
NO WONDER HE WANTS TO GO TO D HIGH.

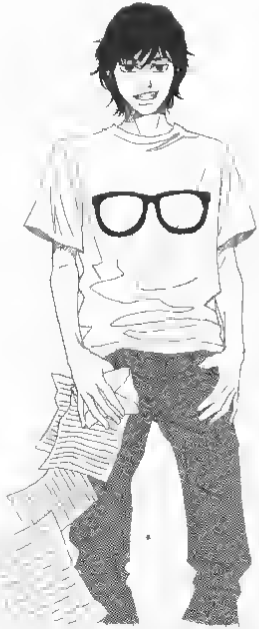
LOOK
HE'S GETTING HIS HEART BROKEN AGAIN!
HOW MANY TIMES HAS THIS HAPPENED?
MAYBE 6?
5 TIMES?
HE CAN'T GET ENOUGH OF IT



Letter 10

Metal Moon

I JUST WENT UP THERE TO SMOKE AND SHE HAPPENED TO BE THERE!
WHAT!? YOU SAW ME ON THE ROOFTOP YESTERDAY!?
MEIKE SAN BREAKING KANEKO'S HEART AGAIN.
SO WHAT DID YOU GUYS SEE?
BUT YOU CAN'T SEE FROM THE TEACHER'S ROOM
DAMN IT YOU REALLY CAN SEE UP THERE
AND SO..
I TOLD YOU THAT I JUST SAW HER BY CHANCE
I THOUGHT YOU ALREADY GAVE UP ON HER SINCE YOU'RE NOT IN THE SAME CLASS ANY MORE
HEY—
HMP NO, I DON'T THINK SO
WILL YOU AT LEAST GO SEE AN ECLIPSE OF THE MOON WITH ME?
WHY DON'T YOU BREAK UP WITH THAT GUY FROM THE OTHER SCHOOL, AND GO OUT ON A DATE WITH ME?
HEY, MEIKE!



I'LL NEVER CONFESS TO ANYONE AGAIN!
DAMN..
STRUM!
OH YEAH! LAUGH! LAUGH!
THANK YOU FOR ASKING ME OUT ON A DATE
MEIKE— STOP SMOKING ALONE YOU'RE STARTING TO WEAR TOO MUCH MAKE-UP
SHE ALWAYS SAYS THAT
I'D SURELY GO ON A DATE WITH YOU, KANEKO!
IF I WASN'T STILL SEEING MY BOY-FRIEND—
BUT I LIKE THAT ABOUT HER..
SHE'S PLAYING WITH MY HEART...
SHE'S SLY I CAN'T STAND HER!

WE'RE GONNA GET TOGETHER AT NIGHT AND SEE THE MOON!
IT COULD BE A DRINKING PARTY
I WANT TO SEE WHAT'S SO GREAT ABOUT IT!
YOU DON'T KNOW ABOUT IT? THERE WON'T BE ANOTHER ECLIPSE THIS GOOD AGAIN FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS.
THAT SOUNDS FUN!
IT SEEMS TO BE A HABIT WITH ME, DOESN'T IT?
LEAVE ME ALONE.
YOU CONFESSED TO HER AND SHE BROKE YOUR HEART!
HA HA HA HA HA
GO SEE AN ECLIPSE OF THE MOON?
WHAT'S THAT?
ARE YOU LISTENING?
ZEZE, YOU'RE GOING, RIGHT?
OF COURSE LET'S ALL GO.
WE WANT TO GO TOO
HA HA HA HA
WE'RE GONNA HAVE A "KANEKO'S BROKEN HEART" PARTY TO CHEER HIM UP!
WELL...
HM?
WHAT?

SOME TIME AGO
HE MENTIONED SOMETHING ABOUT WANTING ME TO HEAR THIS CD
I DON'T REMEMBER WHEN
THEY WERE RIGHT IT'S COMPLETELY NOISE...
I LIKE HIS OTHER CD'S BETTER
I DON'T GET IT... MAYBE I'LL LIKE IT MORE WHEN I'M OLDER...
SORRY LOUREE...
REEEEH
GO
AH, A LETTER
PEOPLE LIKE TO TELL THE BEST PART OF A CD TO LISTEN TO.
I DO TOO
FIRST!
"TO KANEKO, WHO LOVES ARTISTS AND BANDS THAT HAVE "BLACK" IN THEIR NAME
"MEIKE-SAN BROKE YOUR HEART AGAIN I DON'T KNOW WHAT ELSE TO SAY EXCEPT CONGRATULATIONS."
SHE'S RIGHT... I DO
BLAC
RSTL!
RH..
WHAT'S THIS/?
IT WAS TOO AVANT-GARDE AND HIS RECORD COMPANY GOT PISSED AT HIM, AND I HEARD HIS FANS WERE SHOCKED WHEN HE RELEASED IT
THIS IS A CHARISMATIC ARTIST LOUREE DO'S ALBUM METAL MACHINE MUSE. HE'S A NY UNDERGROUND ARTIST. HE RELEASED IT WHEN HE WAS HAVING TROUBLED TIMES/
KRKLIK
WHY IS THIS IN MY BAG?
To Kaneko From Zeze
METAL MACHINE MUSE
ZEZE...??

Then I found out
I like you a lot.
"I'M NOT EXPECTING YOU TO START LIKING ME AND YOU DON'T HAVE TO WRITE ME BACK, BECAUSE I UNDERSTAND YOU."
"I'D PREFER THAT YOU ACTED AS USUAL NEXT TIME YOU SEE ME."
"I'D BE SO EMBARRASSED AND PROBABLY FAINT IF YOU TALKED ABOUT MY LETTER AT SCHOOL."
"AND NOW I THINK I SHOULD TELL YOU HOW I FEEL ABOUT YOU."
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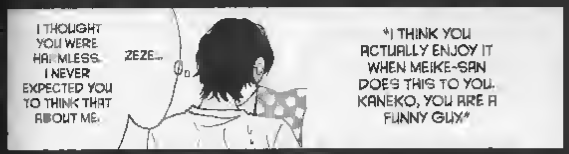
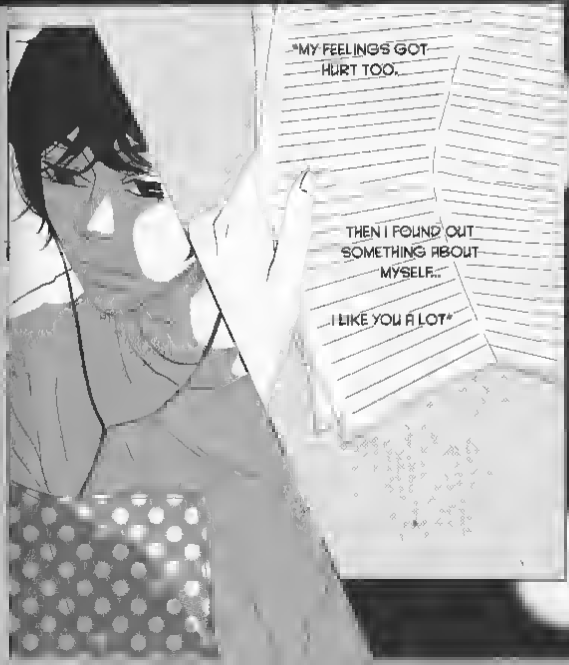

I THOUGHT YOU WERE HARMLESS. I NEVER EXPECTED YOU TO THINK THAT ABOUT ME.
ZEZE...
"I THINK YOU ACTUALLY ENJOY IT WHEN MEIKE-SAN DOES THIS TO YOU. KANEKO, YOU ARE A FUNNY GUY."

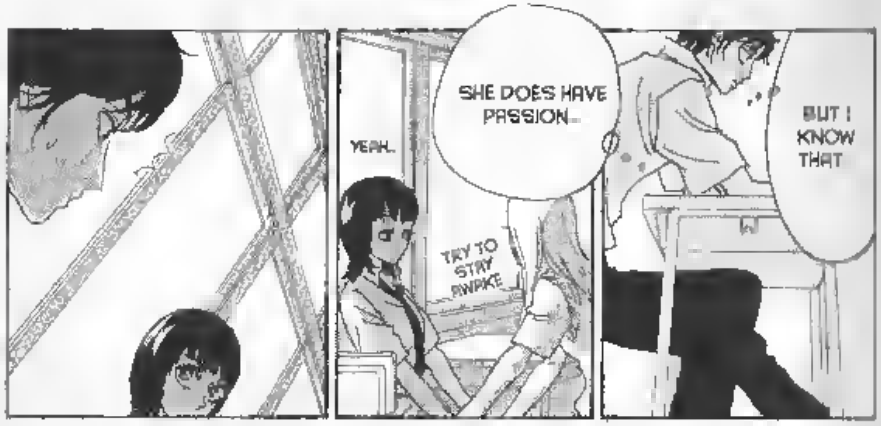
"THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT, ANYWAY."

"BUT YOUR EYES LOOKED VERY SAD WHEN YOU SAW MEIKE-SAN LEAVING. AND I REALIZED YOU WERE REALLY HEARTBROKEN."



super nice man
NERVOUS
BUT WHY WOULD SHE WANT TO DO THIS..?
IS THIS A JOKE/?
PHEW....
THAT'S WONDER-FUL...
THERE'S A GIRL IN THIS WORLD THAT LIKES ME--
I FEEL SO HAPPY
AND I SHOULD SNEAK IT TO HER
BUT I WANT TO WRITE HER A THANK YOU LETTER
I CAN'T RETURN THE FEELING...

"I JUST WANT TO TELL YOU THAT YOU'RE CHARMING."
"ON THE OUTSIDE, YOUR LOOK AND PERSONALITY ARE LIKE A SUPER NICE MAN. I LIKE YOU A LOT, EVEN YOUR SILLY PART."
"WHEN YOU'RE DOWN, REMEMBER THERE'S A PERSON WHO THINKS THAT WAY ABOUT YOU. I HOPE YOU REMEMBER THAT."
"I DON'T KNOW IF THIS MEANS ANYTHING TO YOU."
"FROM ZEZE."
UH--/
I'M SCARED OF HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS NOW!
WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU!?
ZEZE..
NO WAY!?


SHE DOES HAVE PASSION..
YEAH..
TRY TO STAY AWAKE
BUT I KNOW THAT

I WAS..
AND..
DING
DONG
THANKS!
AH/
THE CD..
SURPRISED..
DONG
DONG

AH..
OK..
THEIR CONVERSATION IS OVER
CAN YOU RETURN IT TO ME NEXT TIME?

I MEAN ABOUT SOMETHING ELSE..
YEAH
IT'S REALLY NOISY, HUH

ZEZE, YOU DON'T WANT TO GO SEE AN ECLIPSE OF THE MOON?
EH?

YOU SOUND LIKE AN OLD GRAND-MA
YOU SEEM LIKE YOU'RE LIVING ON LIMITED ENERGY
HA!Z HA!Z HA!Z
YEAH, YOU DO

YES!!!
REALLY?
THAT WAS UNEXPECTED..

NO..
I'D BE TOO TIRED
I USUALLY GO TO BED EARLY AND GET UP AT H

SO I'VE DECIDED TO KEEP THIS AS MY TREASURE.
FOREVER.
EVEN AFTER YOU'VE FORGOTTEN ABOUT WRITING IT I'LL STILL HAVE IT HIDDEN AWAY
To Zeze, From Yuri
ZEZE, YOU'RE COOL...
Like a super nice man
I like you a lot
IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE SHE HAS THOSE KINDS OF FEELINGS.
THIS DOESN'T SOUND LIKE ZEZE....

THAT WASN'T WHAT I EXPECTED...
SHE WAS THE SAME AS USUAL...
BUT I WAS GOING TO.
LIKE I DON'T HAVE TO WRITE HER BACK.
IT FEELS...
To Zeze, Thank you for your letter. I was happy to read it.
THIS IS VERY DIFFICULT...
THIS LETTER IS BORING! THERE'S NO HUMOR AT ALL!!
BUT BEFORE I EVEN THINK ABOUT THAT...
BUT IF I'M HONEST I'LL DISAPPOINT HER MORE.
A LETTER WOULD MAKE HER EXPECT TO GET A GOOD REPLY FROM ME.
DAMN IT! I CAN'T WRITE THAT!

ZEZE, WHERE'S YOUR CAP?
OH/ YEAH/
SHOCK
IMPRESSIVE!!
HERE.
HEY, YOU DROPPED THIS.
THANKS.
I KNOW SHE LIKES ME..
OR MAYBE I JUST DIDN'T REALIZE IT.
I REMEMBER... WHEN I STARTED BEING INTERESTED IN MEIKE.
IS THAT WHY I THINK SHE'S CUTE?
AH/
WOW/ HER LEGS ARE LONG AND SKINNY. WHO IS SHE?
HNP
WHAT... AM I REMEMBERING?

I WONDER WHAT SHE'S LISTENING TO..

ZEZE
WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT OUTSIDE?

SHE'S LISTENING TO MUSIC..
I DON'T KNOW WHAT ELSE TO SAY TO HER..
I'VE ONLY TALKED TO HER ABOUT MUSIC

CLOUDS OF WHITE
BRIGHT...

NO, WAIT.. SHE LOOK'S CUTER
WATCH ME DRAW-ING.
DRAW
WHO'S THAT?
"ALL JUNIOR" FROM PV ANIMATION.
SHE LOOK'S LIKE THIS DOESN'T SHE?
YOU'RE WORSE THAN ME/
はHA はHA はHA
HM. I DON'T KNOW WHO THAT IS.
WAIT A MINUTE... SQUIRREL SHOULD BE LIKE THIS..
ひHYA はHA はHA
THAT LOOK'S LIKE A HORSE/
YOU STARTED IT/
I'M NOT GOOD AT DRAWING DON'T MAKE ME DO IT
All Senior
All Junior
A CONVERSATION I TRIED TO HAVE ONE AND WE DID.

ARE YOU LISTENING TO?
WHAT
.....
HERE...
I'VE SEEN IT/ I VE SEEN IT/
IT'S CUTE.. IT'S FROM PV ANIMATION
YEAH.
IT SOUNDS CAREFREE.
AH/
"ALL JUNIOR SENIOR"
LOOK..
IS OVER
CONVER-SATION
RIGHT
THAT S THE ONE WHERE SQUIRREL GIVES "ALL SENIOR" A MASSAGE?

AS LONG AS YOU BROUGHT IT BACK.
HM. THAT'S OK
THANKS FOR THIS ONE
SORRY FOR GETTING IT BACK TO YOU SO LATE
ZEZE...
I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THAT BUT AS I READ HIS INTER VIEW...
YEAH... I HEARD THAT HE MADE THIS ALBUM AS SORT OF A JOKE.
LOUREE IS FUNNY...
HA は HA は HA は
HE SAID "I WAS SERIOUS BUT I WAS ALSO PLAYFUL."
WHICH ONE IS IT? MAKE UP YOUR MIND
HM HM...

HER HEAD IS SMALL AND A GOOD SHAPE
AND HER BODY IS WELL BALANCED
I NEVER REALIZED...
ZEZE JUST
EXPRESSES HER FEELINGS A LITTLE DIFFERENTLY THAN OTHERS
HER NAILS ARE CUT EVENLY AND ALWAYS SHINY
HER LONG EYELASHES CAST SHADOW ON HER FACE

THIS LETTER SOUNDS LIKE MEIKE'S WAY OF TALKING. IT'S VAGUE!
OK!
THEN IT'S OK!?
IT'S A BORING LETTER..
NO HUMOR..
NO! IT'S NOT OK.
DOES THIS MEAN...
I'VE ALREADY STARTED LIKING HER?
IT'S NOT A GOOD REPLY TO ZEZE'S LETTER.
EVEN THE WAY SHE ACTS AT SCHOOL IS INCONSISTENT WITH HER LETTER.
I CAN FEEL HER CHARM IN IT.
To Haneko from Zeze

SHOULD I BE PLAYFUL WITH MY LETTER?

Thank you.
I think I would have liked you if I had met you before Meike.
I still like Meike, but

AH.
SO DID YOU.
YOU CAME EARLY.
WHAT DID YOU EAT FOR BREAKFAST?
IT'S CORN FLAKES
IT'S A NICE DAY, ISN'T IT?
BECAUSE YOU GET UP AT 4 EVERY DAY, RIGHT?
SLIDE
I'M ALWAYS THE FIRST ONE HERE
YEAH
IN ONE EARPHONE?
YOU DON'T HAVE ANY THING TO DO?
YOU WANT TO LISTEN?
I SHOULD WRITE HONESTLY...
IF I CAN WRITE HER A GOOD LETTER, I'LL GIVE IT TO HER.
IF I CAN'T WRITE ONE...
THAT MEANS I MUSN'T LIKE HER THAT MUCH.
FOR SURE.
I'M AN IDIOT
IT'S ALREADY MORNING...
ピリー

KINEKO, YOU'RE STRANGE
LATELY YOU'VE BEEN TALKING TO ME A LOT
DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME.
NO..
IT'S NOT THAT I'M WORRIED ABOUT YOU...
YOUR LETTER-
I WAS HAPPY TO GET IT..

AH.
IT DOESN'T MATCH WITH SUCH A NICE DAY
YOU ALREADY SEEM LIKE YOU'RE TIRED.
REALLY?
OH, THE CD YOU LENT ME THAT HE MADE AS A JOKE.
MAYBE...
MAYBE IT'D MATCH BETTER TO AN ECLIPSE OF THE MOON?
LOOK..
THE MOON WILL BE COMPLETELY HIDDEN AROUND 3
THEN, LET'S GO SEE IT!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO STAY UP ALL NIGHT JUST GET UP A LITTLE EARLIER THAN USUAL

YOU COULD WIN ME OVER VERY EASILY.
IF YOU'RE PASSIONATE LIKE YOU WROTE IN YOUR LETTER
I MEAN
BUT I THOUGHT
I WAS GOING TO WRITE YOU BACK...
THAT LETTER..
YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO WRITE ME BACK, BECAUSE IT WAS ALL LIES.

"I'd be so embarrassed and probably faint if you talked about my letter at school!"
AH.
SORRY.
SAY SOMETHING.
RIGHT?
THAT'S WHAT YOU WROTE IN YOUR LETTER
"ACT AS USUAL."
DON'T STOP TALKING.

LIKE WHEN YOU LEAVE EARLY TO GO PLAY PACHINKO!?
HEH HEH HEH
IF YOU WANT TO BE A LEADER, YOU HAVE TO START EARLY.
WHY ARE YOU HERE SO EARLY!?
LIES
NO WAY.
FOR SYMPATHY OR FRIENDSHIP?
I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY SHE HAD TO LIE.
I GUESS THERE'S NO NEED FOR ME TO WRITE BACK NOW.
IT'S TRUE.
BUT IF THAT'S WHAT SHE SAYS..

EH..?
YOU'VE HAD YOUR HEART BROKEN MANY TIMES SO I FELT SORRY FOR YOU.
I WROTE LIES.
I'M SORRY.
I DIDN'T THINK YOU'D CARE ABOUT MY LETTER
BECAUSE WE DON'T REALLY TALK THAT MUCH.
HUH? KANEKO
GOOD MORNING!
カラ
SLIDE

AH...
I'M DISAP-POINTED.
HM...
HI, HOW ARE YOU DOING?
GOOD MORNING, KANEKO!
HI!

I'M SURE
I COULD UNDERSTAND WHY HER LETTER IS DIFFERENT FROM THE WAY SHE ACTS IF IT WAS ALL A JOKE.
I WAS JUST...
CHARMED BY SOMETHING THAT HAD NO SUBSTANCE.

HEY
IF I CAN GO, I'LL EMAIL YOU.
OK.
HMP. IF SHE WANTS TO COME SHE'LL COME.
WHY DON'T JUST THE TWO OF YOU GO SEE IT?
I'M CHILLED BY MY PAST ACTIONS.
JUST THINKING THAT GIVES ME THE CHILLS.
I CREATED AN IMAGE OF HER THAT WASN'T REAL.
I REALIZE

HA-HA-HA
DID YOU HAVE A FIGHT WITH YOUR BOY-FRIEND OR SOMETHING?
MAYBE I'LL GO WITH YOU.
IS IT TONIGHT? THE ECLIPSE OF THE MOON
YOU DON'T WANT ME TO GO WITH YOU?
NO?
YEAH, I DO.
BUT..
MY CLASSMATES ARE GOING, TOO...

NO, I SAW IT ONCE A LONG TIME AGO.
WHEN THE MOON IS COMPLETELY HIDDEN, IT LOOKS RED.
EH?
IT'S NOT GOING TO LOOK DARK?
THE MOON MAKES THE SKY LOOK LIKE SOMEONE ACCIDENTALLY PUT A HOLE IN IT
IT LOOKS FLAT, AND IT LOOKS CIRCULAR
BUT IT ALSO HAS DEPTH
IT LOOKS LIKE A SPHERE.
IT'S GONNA BE RED AND DARK, AND VIVID

"I was serious, but I was also playful"
SHE'S LISTENING TO THAT NOISY CD AGAIN
KANEKO-KUN GOT HIS HEART BROKEN AGAIN
OH WELL
MEIKE DIDN'T COME/
YEAH/
OH., THE MOON IS ALMOST HIDDEN/
THAT WHY YOU GUYS BOUGHT ME BEER'S RIGHT?
OK. OK.

I'M STILL THINKING ABOUT ZEZE.
I JUST DON'T KNOW...
WHAT CAN I DO...
I'M MAD AT HER BUT...
I WONDER IF I SHOULD WRITE HER A LETTER?
I LIKE THE IMAGE OF HER THAT I CREATED.
HA HA HA
HA HA HA
OH...
I FOUND IT.
THAT NOISY CD.
I DON'T KNOW...

THE LETTER I WROTE YOU IS ONLY PART LIES.
EH?
ME NEITHER
YEAH
WELL...

OH...
NO THAT'S A LIE TOO
EH?
EH??
BUT THE MORE YOU TALK TO ME...
I WROTE THAT I DIDN'T EXPECT ANYTHING FROM YOU.
THE LESS THEY ARE LIES

DO YOU LIKE THIS?
I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT THIS MUSIC IS ABOUT

WILL CONVERGE.
ZEZE
I LIKE YOU.
THE MOON
AND SHADOW
FROM THE BEGINNING
I WISHED THAT SOMETHING WOULD CHANGE.

IT FEELS LIKE IT'S PUTTING FIRE...
AH...
WHOOOSH
IT'S RED.

AH!
DON'T READ IT IN FRONT OF ME!
SLIDE
DON'T MAKE FUN OF ME
I'M SERIOUS...
IT'S OK...
YOU ALWAYS SAY SOMETHING EMBARRASSING ANYWAY.
BUT YOU ARE ALSO PLAYFUL.
HN-HN-HN
the end

INTO YOU
AND INTO ME....
HERE..
To Zeze